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Student arrested for attempting to solicit underage teen online

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NEWS EDITOR

A UNO student was arrested Tuesday afternoon in LaVista for suspicion of soliciting

sexual favors from an under-aged girl while online at the PKI computer lab.

At the time of this report Terrance Coufal, Jr., was being held in Sarpy County Jail until

a bond hearing could be held to determine conditions of his release.

According to a report filed by LaVista police, Coufal, 21, was arrested for suspicion of

sexual assault with the use of a computer. It is Class IIIA felony and punishable by five years in prison and/or \$10,000.

Sarpy County Attorney Lee Polikov said that Coufal was still

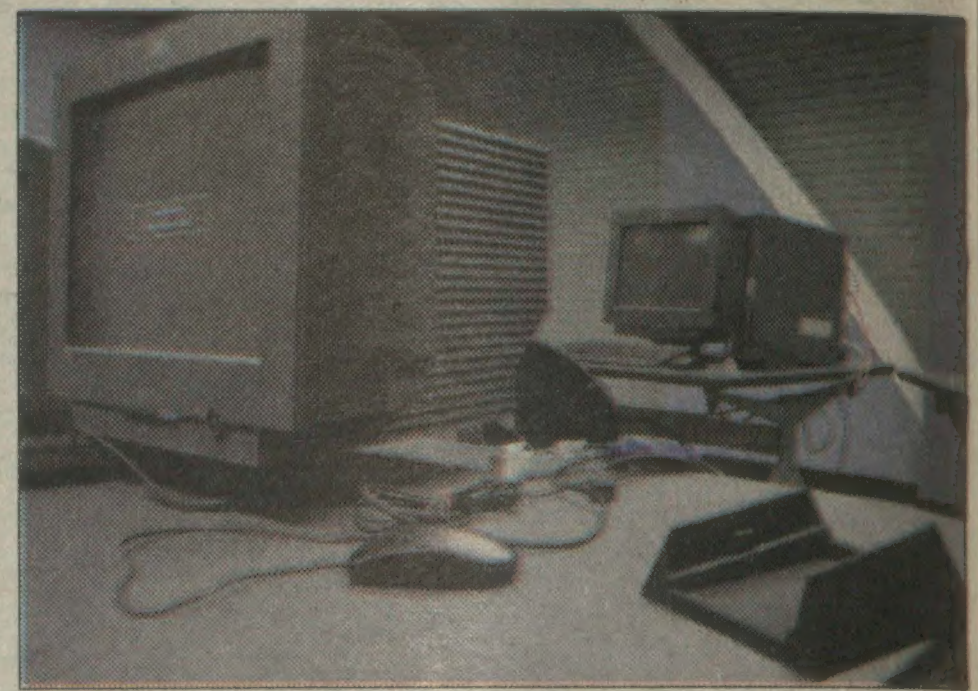


photo by Michelle Bishop

Police removed the computer from PKI that a 21-year-old allegedly used to solicit a minor.

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Photo of the week: Brrrrrrr!



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Wind chills brought temperatures down to -26 throughout the week, and brought one to three inches of snow.

Campus Minister and students to go to Mississippi

CHRIS LARSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It is better to give than to receive and some UNO students and faculty are giving in a big way.

Over the holiday break Fred Richart, campus minister of United Campus Ministries in Higher Education, is taking a group of people to Pascagoula, Miss. for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. They are leaving on Dec. 31 and coming back Jan. 7.

Nineteen people from UNO, UNL, Northeast Community College and other community members have signed up to go, Richart said.

"[The time frame] gives students an opportunity to be at home with family, work at jobs during the holiday, go on this volunteer trip and have a day to rest when we return," Richart said.

Each person going is paying for the trip out of his or her own pocket. The cost is \$150 per person, which includes transportation, food and lodging. They will be taking 15 passenger vans, staying at the United Methodist Church of Pascagoula and cooking their own meals.

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Shop for holidays online with caution

SCOTT STEWART
SENIOR STAFF WRITER / SYSTEMS MANAGER

With the holidays approaching almost as fast as finals, many of us are still looking to find that perfect gift for a loved one.

Increasingly, consumers are looking to the Internet as a way to shop. Consumers need to keep in mind, however, that just like increased alertness is prudent while shopping in the malls, safety is extremely important while shopping online.

"One of the main things, no matter where you are at, is making sure you are on a secure site," said John Adams, ITS client services supervisor.

Many unscrupulous Web sites exist for

the purpose of harvesting unwary consumers' credit card numbers and other personal data. Some of these Web sites mimic the look of popular Web sites such as eBay.com and Amazon.com in so-called "phishing" scams to trick shoppers into giving up their personal data.

"If you are going to order online, make sure you know the site," Adams said.

Unwanted e-mail, called spam, often includes offers that sound too good to be true, and almost as often are. Just like their traditional counterpart, junk mail, spam should be scrutinized closely if you are considering pursuing one of the offers.

Adams suggests if you get an e-mail about a sale, open a Web browser and go out

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Take a brief tour through Chancellor Nancy Belck's house, and her life, with the Gateway.

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New president looks forward to new challenges, experiences

SCOTT STEWART

SENIOR STAFF WRITER / SYSTEMS MANAGER

Steve Massara will be installed as the new Student Government President and Regent sometime around noon on January 19. He will participate in his first Student Senate meeting as President at 7 p.m. On the next day, he will vote on housing issues at his first Board of Regents meeting.

"I am very excited and I am anticipating a challenge," Massara said. "I am looking forward to serving."

"The great thing about Steve and I are that we are very different leaders," said former President/Regent Elizabeth Kraemer. "He'll be able to change things."

Kraemer expressed ambivalence at leaving office, describing it as "bittersweet." She said that she was still excited about Student Government, but she was also "excited to open a new chapter in my life."

"This experience has been amazing," Kraemer said.

Massara has served in several previous capacities for Student Government, including recording secretary, Faculty Senate liaison, College of Education senator, and most recently, speaker of the Student Senate. He is confident that he is ready for the president/regent position.

"[Kraemer and I] just got back from a leadership conference in Florida," Massara said.

He went on to say that he is involved in "the process of writing a strategic plan for Student Government."

One of the issues Massara plans to tackle during his administration is smoking on campus.

"I am stoutly against smoking on campus. I prefer taking it to the students in a referendum."

When asked whether students would participate in a referendum given the traditionally low turnout for Student Government elections, Massara said, "I honestly believe it will—it strikes much closer to home."

He predicted a turnout of 15 to 20 percent.

Another concern of Massara's is that UNO is "still looked down upon by Lincoln" and the Board of Regents.

"Until you go to a Board of Regents meeting, you don't know what it's about," Kraemer said. "You don't know until you get into it. The Board of Regents is so misconstrued. They're not paid members. They're open to dialogue; it's not like David and Goliath."

Kraemer said her approach to the Board of Regents was not to speak "just to hear my voice," but to save her comments for issues where she felt she could contribute a unique point or that UNO students felt strongly about, such as the housing issue facing a vote in January.

"I think it's a process of trial and error," Kraemer said. "He might have different



photo by Michelle Bishop

Steve Massara speaks in October's president/regents debates.

techniques."

"Elizabeth [Kraemer] has done a phenomenal job of working with the Board of Regents," Massara said.

Regarding the current controversy surrounding NU Regent David Hergert, who has paid \$33,000 in fines for violating campaign finance laws in his 2004 regent campaign, Massara said he believes in "letting the state tackle the problem. He committed a wrong and according to state law he's been held accountable."

Kraemer said she would miss the people involved in Student Government.

"We have the best of the university and the university students in heart," Kraemer said. "We care about students at UNO."

On a similar note, Massara said, "One of the major things I want to emphasize is that we're here for the students."

New vice president hopes to diversify committees

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VaShawn Smith will be assuming the responsibilities of the Vice President of Student Government as the current administration of Elizabeth Kraemer and Lamarr Womble draws to a close.

"I feel honored that the student body voted Steve [Massara] and me in," Smith said.

According to Smith, the primary power of the vice president is being the "appointing person" for Student Senate. He will appoint students to roles as justices, place senators on committees, and help fill senate vacancies.

"On top of that, I will represent the president/regent in meetings he cannot make," Smith said.

Smith does not differ in opinion much from the incoming President/Regent Steve Massara. Smith said that he and Massara sat down prior to running and discovered they agreed on most of the major issues.

"That will make our administration effective," Smith said.

Perhaps the biggest difference between Smith and Massara is in their personal political affiliations. Massara is a member of College Republicans, although he is "not particularly active" and has had conflicts with their meetings this semester.

"I am a born conservative," Massara said.

"I am a very liberal independent," Smith said.

Regarding the Faculty Senate's recent support of same-sex benefits, Smith admitted that he was "not well versed in the issue" and agreed with Massara that the Student Senate should have some input in the issue, since student funds—according to Smith, UPF fees—go to support university faculty and staff.

Smith also agreed with Massara regarding

NU Regent David Hergert, saying that he favored waiting until criminal charges were decided upon. He also observed that there were people in the district Hergert represents who support him and he felt their views should be taken into consideration.



photo by Michelle Bishop

VaShawn Smith, next semester's student body vice president, speaks in October's debates.

One issue that Smith was interested in is diversifying some of the committees in Student Government.

"That way, every population's voice is being heard on campus."

Smith noted that he saw students from the Middle East as "not well represented in the different organizations" run by Student Government.

"We've kind of been sitting in limbo for the last couple of months," Smith said. "I am excited, ready to get the ball rolling."

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people hosted a silent auction on Nov. 16, and received more than \$1,500 for use to help with scholarships, unanticipated costs and donations to special projects or situations in Pascagoula," Richart said.

TJ Jones, director of Student Programming Organizations, has been helping Richart plan the trip, and will be attending himself at the end of December.

"It seemed like a great opportunity to serve," Jones said. "Break is usually really long so I thought I'd use a week to get out of Nebraska and work without the regular pressures of work."

While they are in Pascagoula, the group will be cleaning up destroyed houses. This will include cleaning mud off floors, taking

out destroyed furniture and appliances and ridding mold and mildew. They will also be installing new sheetrock, changing out wall plugs and other electrical items and cleaning up yards.

"Many residents have been working on their homes for months, but have concentrated on the inside," Richart said. "The yards and streets still look depressing and need to be cleaned and spruced up."

This endeavor will greatly affect and touch the residents of Pascagoula, but it will also be an amazing experience for those going on the trip to do the service.

"I hope to get a renewed sense of what service really is," Jones said. "It's something I'll remember for a really long time."

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to the Web site yourself rather than clicking the hyperlink in the e-mail. More sophisticated spammers can hide the actual destination of the link, even if the address is given in the e-mail.

Shoppers should also be aware that e-commerce Web sites are not required to offer different customers the same price on the same product. Recently, there have been examples given in Internet communities depicting two users accessing online retailers who were quoted different prices for the same product, based on past purchases, preferred membership status and other potentially arbitrary considerations. Prices can also potentially vary between visits to a Web site, so it is often advisable to do price comparison using multiple search engines or other filters.

Another tip Adams gives is to always close your browser window after making a

purchase and printing the confirmation page for your records.

"Once you close it out, everything that was there is basically gone. It is always best to make sure you close the browser," Adams said.

Closing the browser, along with making sure that you do not check "remember me" features while visiting Web sites, is especially important when using the user labs on campus for online shopping or even checking e-mail.

There are several good Web sites devoted to providing additional tips on staying safe while shopping online, including safeshopping.org, staysafeonline.org, and onguardonline.gov.

If you pay attention and remember to keep your personal data safe, shopping online can be a great way to find that perfect present, purchase textbooks, or find hard-to-get products.



News you can use

Compiled by Kimberly Bryant

STAFF WRITER

UNO winter commencement Dec. 16

UNO's winter commencement ceremony is set for Friday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave.

Nebraska UNO helps Louisiana UNO

As the UNO community prepares to celebrate another holiday season, its collective effort to help the University of New Orleans campus community continues. Earlier this fall, students, staff and faculty at the Nebraska UNO launched the UNO to UNO Hurricane Relief Project, a sustained fund-raising effort aimed at providing relief to their colleagues at the Louisiana UNO. All funds raised at the Nebraska UNO during the course of the year will be earmarked for a recovery fund established by Tim Ryan, chancellor of the Louisiana UNO, for members of his university community who lost everything. In conjunction with the effort, UNO to UNO Hurricane Relief Project T-shirts can be purchased for \$10 in University Affairs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult sizes ranging from small to triple X are available. University Affairs is located in 108 Eppley Administration Building. For more information on how to donate or get involved with "UNO

to UNO," contact Rita Henry at 554-2779 or Teresa Gleason at 554-2762.

Chair massage service available today

UNO students, faculty and staff can take advantage of a chair massage service on campus today. A station will be set up in Room 213 of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Andrea Porter, a certified massage therapist, will administer the massages. The cost is \$10 for a 15-minute session. To make a reservation, stop by Room 100 of HPER. Payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 554-2539.

Campus Recreation to Host Parents' Day Out Saturday

Campus Recreation will host its UNO Mav Kids Parents' Day Out on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the HPER Building. This annual event, open to children ages five to 12, is designed to give parents a day to prepare for the holiday season. The day includes a pizza party, swimming, movies and holiday crafts. The cost per child is \$10 for UNO students and Campus Recreation activity cardholders, and \$12 for the general public. Lunch is included in the cost. Pre-registration is required. To register, stop by Room 100 of HPER, or contact Campus Recreation at 554-2539 or Erin Sheckells at 554-4941.

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in custody. Polikov speculated that Coufal would go before a judge late Thursday.

LaVista Chief of Police Bob Lausten said that Coufal was apprehended when he arrived at a meeting place allegedly agreed upon by Coufal and a LaVista detective posing as a 13-year-old girl.

Lausten said that detectives were able to determine that the individual contacting the detective posing as the young girl was using a computer located in the main computer lab at PKI. He also said that this was the first case in which he was involved where a student from the NU system was using a university workstation.

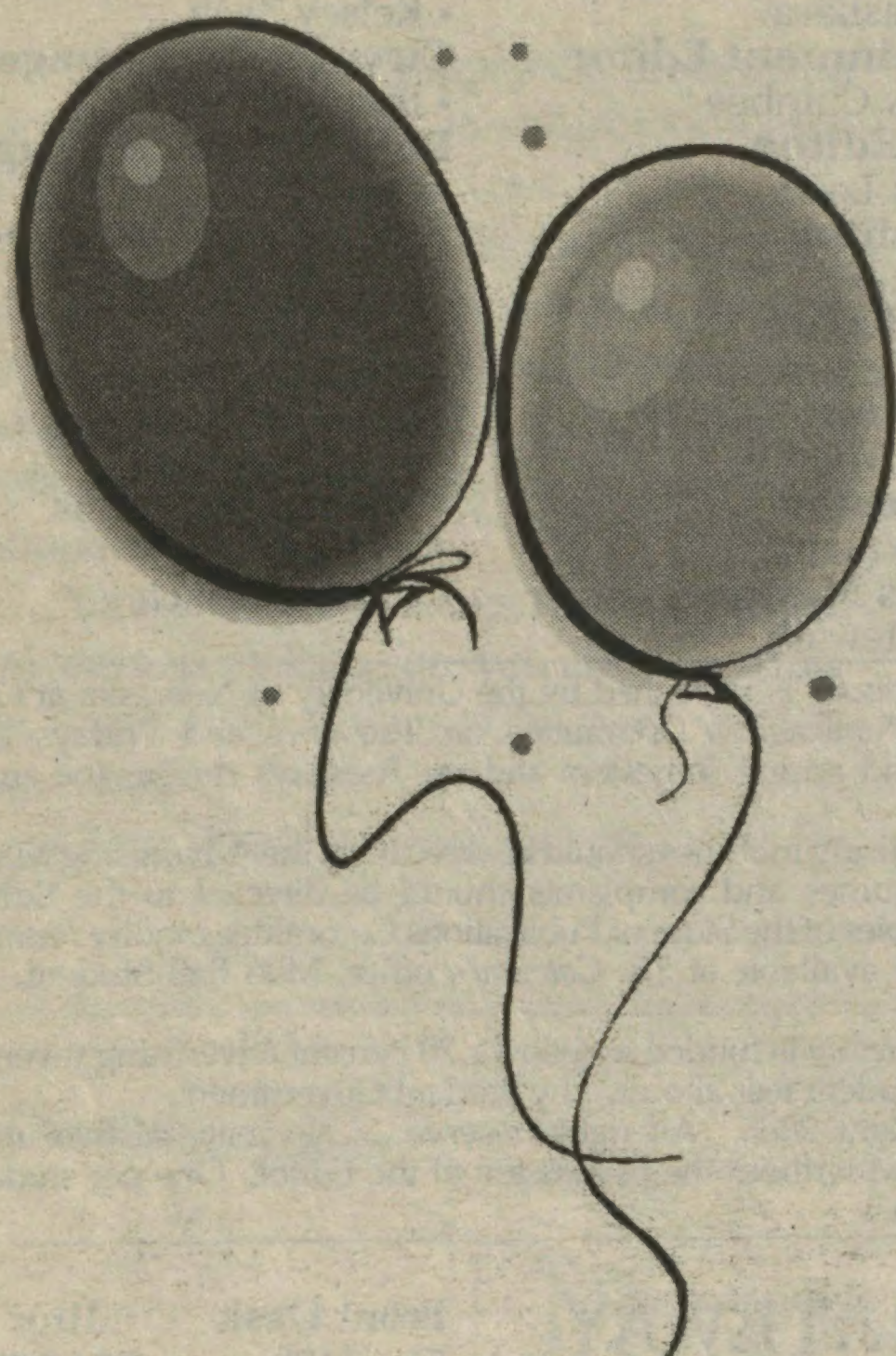
"This is the first time [that we've made an arrest from a university computer]. We've made arrests where suspects have been from computers at home or on work computers," said Lausten.

Polikov said that Coufal has not been charged with anything at this point. It will be a day or two before he is charged with a specific crime.

Coufal's permanent address is listed as being in Bellevue.

In 2004, Nebraska passed a law against the use of a computer to solicit with the intent to engage in illegal action, like sex with a minor, Polikov said.

Congratulations to the 2006 Emerging Leaders!



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Supreme Court hears case over military recruiters on campus

By JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(KRT)

WASHINGTON — Most Supreme Court justices appeared sympathetic Tuesday to arguments that colleges and law schools must allow military recruiters onto their campuses to talk to students, even if the schools oppose the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy of excluding openly gay people.

Taking up a case that pits the government's efforts to maintain an all-volunteer military against the free-speech claims of law schools, colleges and universities, a majority of the justices seemed to be on the government's side. They suggested they saw no constitutional problems with a federal law that requires schools to welcome military recruiters if the institutions accept government money and allow private employers to recruit.

"It doesn't insist that you do anything. It says that if you want our money, you have to let our recruiters on campus," Chief Justice John Roberts said.

The case has drawn significant attention as an intersection of two hotly debated subjects, military recruiting and gay rights. As the war in Iraq has drawn out, the military has been under pressure to recruit ever more actively, sometimes against the wishes of parents, and at times has failed to meet its recruiting targets. At the same time, gay rights, especially the question of gay marriage, has engaged the courts, state legislatures and Congress.

Given that backdrop, the notion of liberal colleges whose allegiance to gay rights is interfering with military recruiting could hardly be anything but a cultural flash point.

The military actively recruits on college campuses, and a Bush administration lawyer stressed during arguments Tuesday that a ruling against the government could encourage a

university to put the brakes on recruiting if it disagreed with other government policies, including the military's treatment of women or even the war in Iraq.

"The free speech interests that are articulated on the other side would extend to any basis for criticizing the military, whether it was not liking the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan or the discriminatory hiring policies," said Paul Clement, the solicitor general. He also argued that the law does not interfere with the schools' free-speech rights because it applies only if the institutions choose to receive federal funding.

E. Joshua Rosenkranz, a lawyer for New York University and other schools, argued that the federal law was unconstitutional because it forced educational institutions to condone the military's policy on gays, even though it runs afoul of the schools' policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. He said the law violates the schools' free-speech rights because it requires them to help spread the military's message, which suggests that the schools support it.

"This is a refusal to disseminate the messages of the military recruiters. It is a refusal to send e-mails, post bulletins and make arrangements for mutual exchange of ideas," Rosenkranz said of the schools' position.

Some educational leaders also argue that many universities receive hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government, for research and other uses, which have become a basic part of their budgets and cannot simply be given up. So portraying the schools' choice as voluntary, or the government's action as anything but coercive, is unfair.

A Philadelphia-based federal appeals court sided with the schools last year. It blocked enforcement of the law, which is referred to as the Solomon Amendment after its sponsor, the late Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. The appeals court said the law illegally conditioned funding

on whether the schools supported the military's message.

But several justices were openly skeptical of arguments that students could assume the schools supported "don't ask, don't tell" if they allowed military recruiters on campus.

"Nobody thinks that this law school is speaking through those employers who come onto its campus for recruitment," Roberts told Rosenkranz. "Everybody knows that those are the employers. Nobody thinks the law school believes everything that the employers are doing or saying."

Rosenkranz responded that the schools in fact have a contrary message: "They believe it is immoral to abet discrimination."

"But they can say that to every student who enters the room," said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Responded Rosenkranz: "And when they do it, your honor, the answer of the students is, 'We don't believe you.'"

"The reason they don't believe you is because you're willing to take the money," Roberts said. "What you're saying is, 'This is a message we believe in, strongly, but we don't believe in it to the detriment of \$100 million.'"

Roberts and others also noted that the schools would be free to turn away military recruiters if they declined federal money.

Justice David Souter was most skeptical of the government's arguments, noting that the schools were arguing that the government was "forcing them to change their own message."

The military adopted the

"don't ask, don't tell" policy in 1993 as part of a compromise between the Clinton White House, which wanted to eliminate the Defense Department's longstanding ban on homosexuals in the U.S. military, and the Pentagon, which argued that the ban was necessary to maintain morale and good order.

The policy allowed homosexuals to remain in the military as long as they did not reveal their sexual orientation, and it forbade commanders from investigating troops' sexual orientation. But the policy, which is not at issue in Tuesday's case, clashed with numerous college and university rules prohibiting organizations from using facilities if they discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The schools also ban organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex or physical disability.

To ensure continued recruiting efforts, Congress passed the Solomon Amendment, which empowered the government to withhold federal money from any educational institution that did not grant military recruiters "requested access" to their campuses.

Correction: In the Dec. 6, 2005 issue of the Gateway, an article incorrectly stated that UNL and UNK passed resolutions asking Hergert to resign. UNK has not passed such a resolution.

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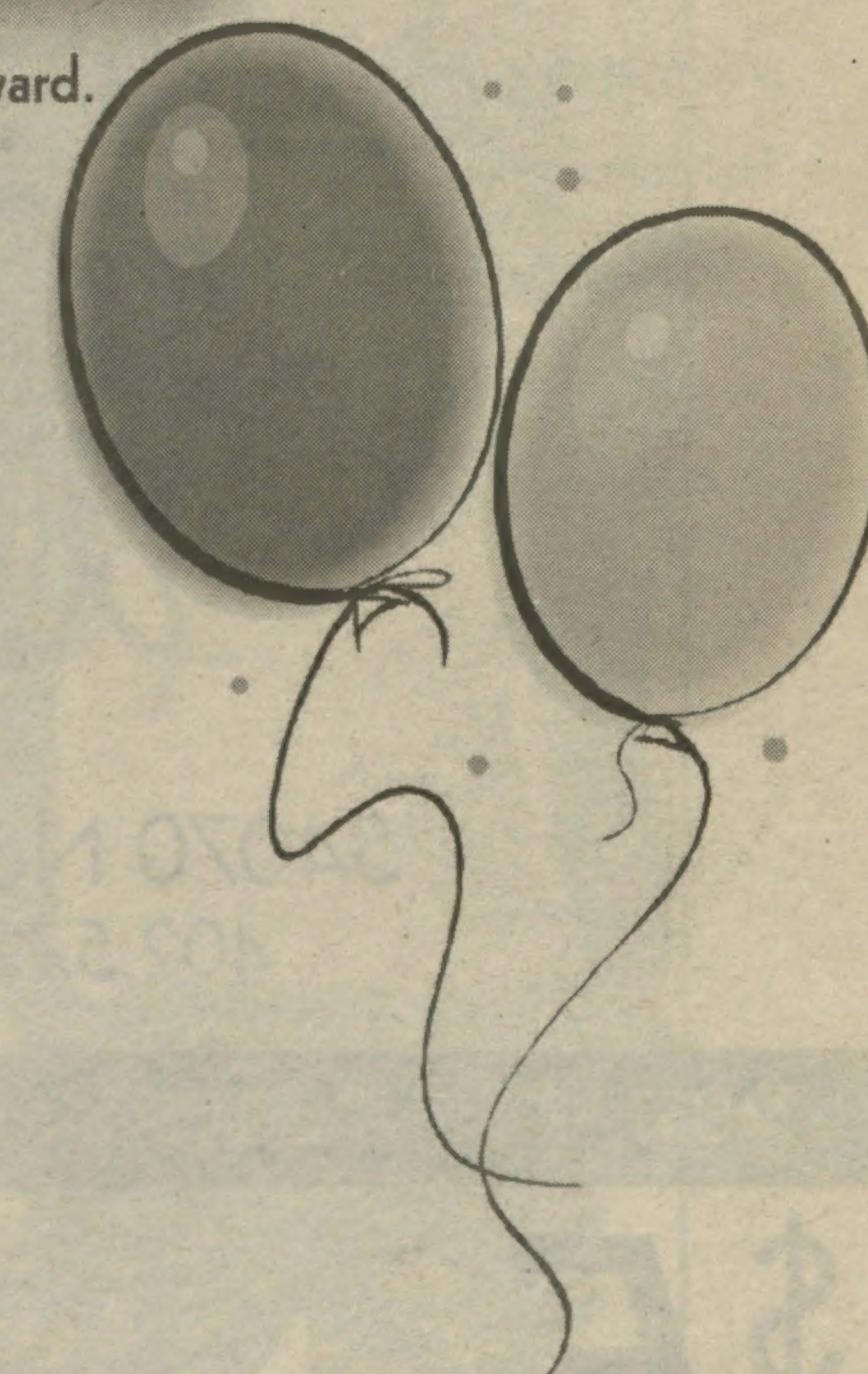
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A little insight into a random UNO student

Name: Buey Jay Ruet
Major: Political Science and Economics
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Adies Ababa, Ethiopia

1. How would you describe yourself in one brief sentence?

Dedicated to goals, people and God.

2. If you could be a superhero, what power would you want the most?

Read people's minds just to see what kind of people they really are.

3. What person would you like to meet the most, dead or alive, and what would you ask him/her?

Jesus, 'What do you want from the human race?'

4. Who's the best professor at UNO you've ever had?

There are four: Kimberly B., Susan Schnase, Dave Campbell and

5. Who's the worst?

haven't really had one yet.

6. How do you feel about the parking at UNO?

Neutral, not bad nor good.

7. Why did you choose UNO?

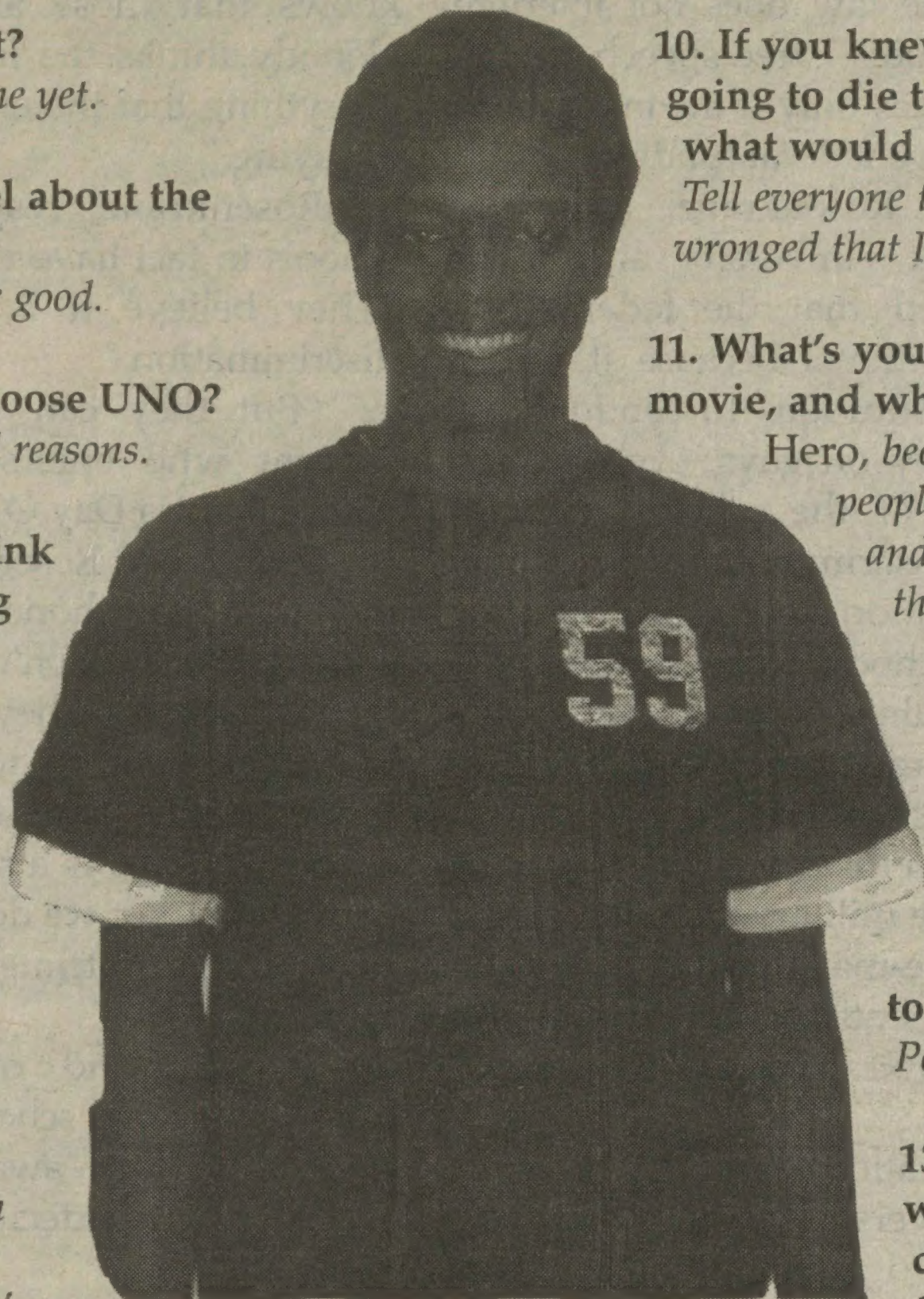
Family and financial reasons.

8. What do you think your favorite thing about going to school at UNO will be?

The diverse culture.

9. What is your favorite quote?

'Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.'



10. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today?

Tell everyone that I have ever wronged that I'm sorry.

11. What's your favorite movie, and why?

Hero, because I love people who are loyal and patriotic to their homeland.

12. What's the most messed-up thing about the world today?

Politics.

13. What would you do to change that?

Get involved.

14. Have you ever taken drugs? - No.

15. What's the most horrible thing that's ever happened to you?

Lost family members in Africa.

16. What's the difference between lust and love, to you?

Marriage and non-marriage.

17. Have you ever really, truly been in love? - Yes.

18. What's the meaning of life?

It's a gift from God for humanity to experience good and evil.

19. What is the most difficult thing you've ever done in your life?

Trusting in God.

20. What is one question you've never been asked, but always wish someone would have?

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Salvation Army continues to help those in need during holidays

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The holidays are all around us, from the bell ringers outside of stores to the huge holiday tree outside of the Crossroads Mall. But what many people don't think of when they see these everyday symbols of the season is the message behind them.

The Salvation Army is known for its amazing group of volunteers and programs throughout the community. This holiday season is no different.

That huge tree? It's the Salvation Army's 55-foot Tree of Lights, strung with 20,000 lights. The tree was donated by Greg and Cathy Curtis of Omaha right from their home on 60th and Spaulding Streets. While the tree itself is beautiful, its purpose is even more so.

"The tree is a physical symbol of all the ongoing programs of the Salvation Army," says Courtne Dugdale, a UNO student and intern for the Salvation Army. "It's a visible reminder that the organization is out there serving the community."

Dugdale said that the non-profit group has a plethora of holiday activities planned, including last weekend's Adopt-A-Family Radio-a-thon. The

Salvation Army, KBBX Radio Lobo and Star 104.5 were able to help 1,703 families, including 180 Spanish-speaking families, by helping them get adopted by other area families. The annual event, in its sixth year, finished 6.5 hours earlier than expected, thanks to an overwhelming response from the Omaha community.

As always, the organization will have its army of bell ringers out and about. Dugdale says that the volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization.

"The people are so enthusiastic," he says. "They bell-ring because they're making a difference in the community and they support the efforts of the Salvation Army."

Yeah it stinks because it's cold, but the volunteers truly love it. They do it just to see the smiles on the people's faces.

Last year the money raised by Omaha area bell ringers was able to help 288,000 area families.

Other events include the Salvation Army Food Fight, Christmas Cheer Sundays and Celebrity Bell Ringing Days. For more information on these and other Salvation Army events, or for information on how to donate or volunteer, visit Omaha's Salvation Army Web site at www.SalvationArmyOmaha.org.

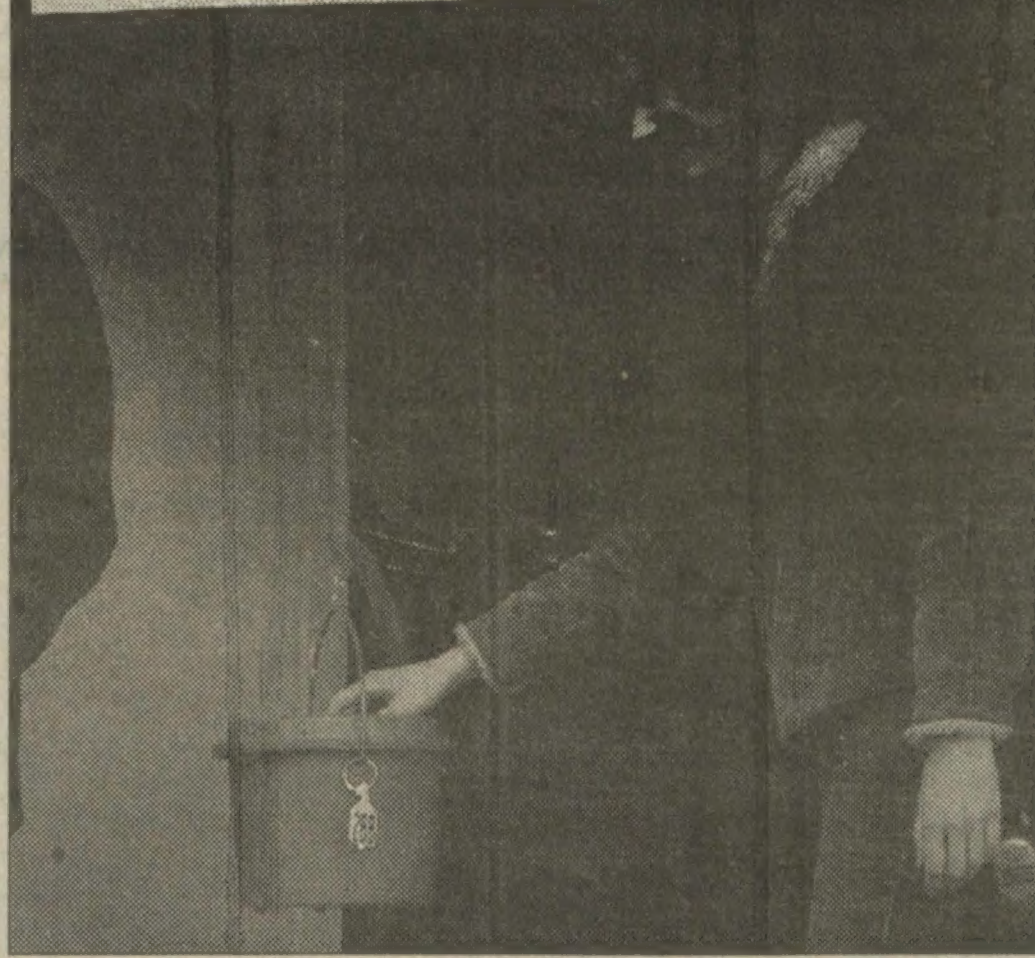
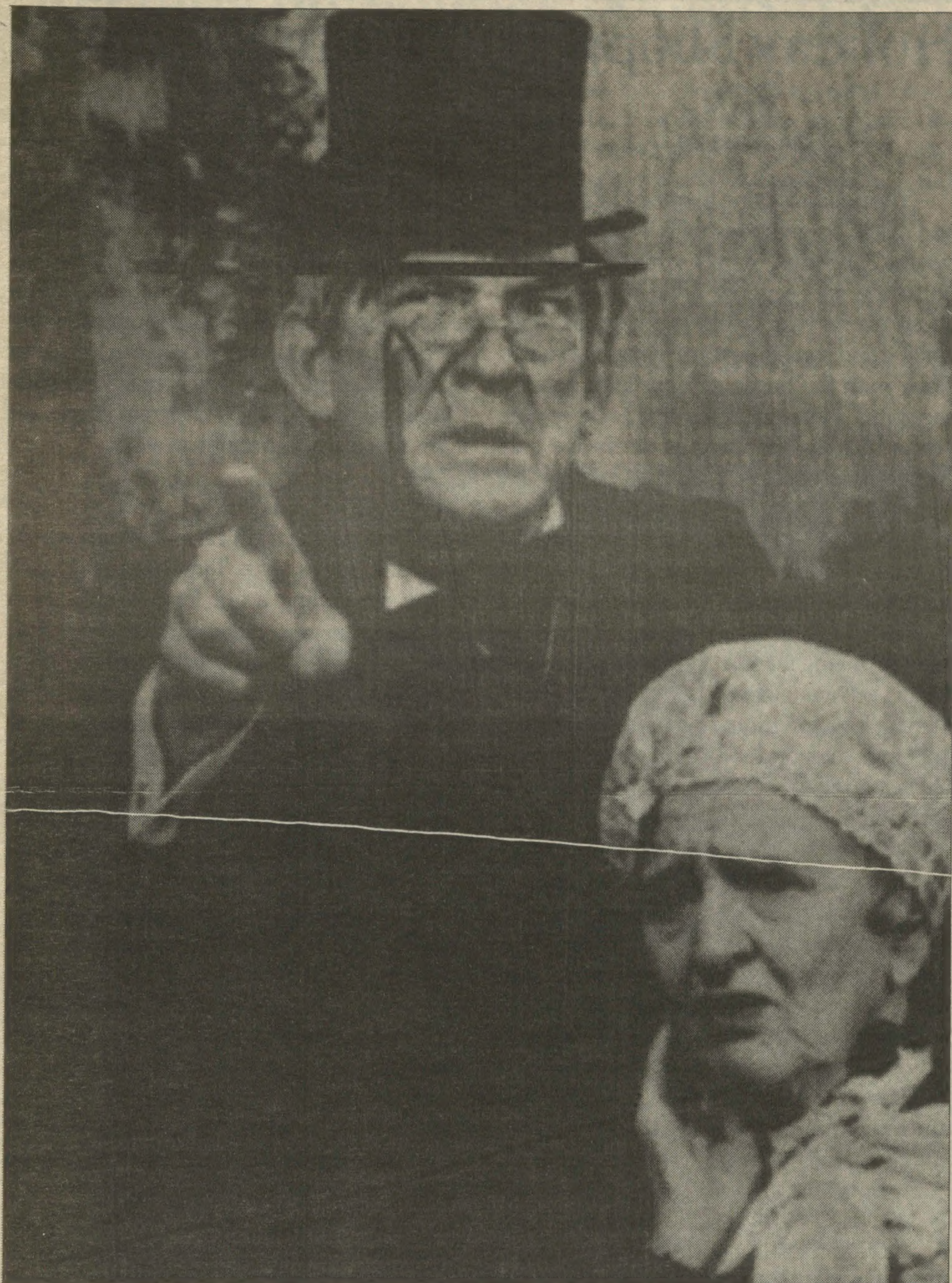


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UNO sophomore Melanie Rogers contributes to the Salvation Army at one of the many bell-ringing stations throughout Omaha.



Dick Boyd and Mary Peckham in 1977, performing "A Christmas Carol" in its early years at the Omaha Playhouse.

Ebenezer Scrooge's final humbug

JOHN THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Dick Boyd stepped on stage at the Omaha Community Playhouse Sunday Dec. 4, and completed his 800th performance as Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol."

The play, which is packed with singing, dancing, ghosts rising from the floor, snow falling from the sky and as much Christmas cheer you can bottle into a two-hour show, has been running at the Playhouse for 30 years. And Boyd hasn't missed a show yet.

The year was 1976 when Charles Jones wrote it, adapted from the Charles Dickens classic. Boyd tried out for the role of Scrooge, alongside some very talented local actors, but thought his chances of obtaining the role were slim. He was only 53 years old, and many thought he was too young to fill the famous red scarf.

After 30 years, 800 performances, and over 425 thousand "Christmas Carol" watchers, it's hard to find anyone who believes Boyd wasn't the perfect man for the job. And on Dec. 22, when he hoists Tiny Tim upon his shoulder for the 818th and final time, fans will be left asking, "What will a Christmas Carol be without him?"

"I had no idea this would go on for 30 years," Boyd said in a recent Omaha Publications article. "When I got started, I thought I'd do it for a year or two. Then it just seemed to catch on to the point that it got to be a way of life after a while."

"A Christmas Carol" is a story about an old, cold-hearted, selfish man who views Christmas as just any other day. He ba-humbugs playful children away, refuses to donate any of his wealth to charity, and makes local townspeople run when he appears.

On the night of Christmas Eve, his former, and dead, coworker, Jacob Marley, appears from the floor with chains draping over his body. Marley tells him that if he doesn't change his ways, he'll be forced to live an eternity in the chains he has created for himself. He goes on to tell him that he will be visited by three ghosts: the ghost of Christmas past, the ghost of Christmas present and the ghost of Christmas yet to come.

One-by-one the ghosts visit Scrooge and reveal to him the man he used to be, the man he has become, and the man he dies as. Scrooge cries, laughs, dances, and flies his way through emotions until he is convinced of what he has to do.

When he awakens on Christmas day, he rushes to town and startles people with his jolly spirit. He apologizes to his only nephew for past mistakes and buys his coworker's family, the Cratchits, a huge turkey and tons of presents. He then visits the Cratchits and informs Bob that he's going to double his pay and take care of his son's medical expenses.

The most impressive element of Boyd's performance is his ability to go from the snarling old man, to the joyful grandpa-like character with such ease. Although the shift appears to be easy, Boyd says it's one of the hardest parts of the show.

"Playing the miser is not hard. Being out of your mind with happiness at the end is not hard. But that quick transition from crying my eyes out to dancing—it's hard to get that across believably," Boyd said in the same article.

In the 30 years that Boyd has portrayed Scrooge, he has never missed one show or one rehearsal. There's not even an understudy for him. It's assumed by most that if Boyd doesn't go on, the show doesn't go on. It makes you almost feel sorry for the poor actor who has to fill

Omaha Community Playhouse

O! what fun: Omaha's holiday event calendar

DANELLE PETERSEN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The snow is here and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, so get out there and partake in some of the festive events the city of Omaha has to offer. There are a lot of free events or events that offer student discounts, so there is no excuse to not get out and go.

Close your books, finish your papers and lace up your boots. You are about get out of your end of the semester stupor and have some fun, because you deserve it. (You survived yet another semester.)

There are a lot of things to do this month; here are just a few events, thanks to www.omaha.com, to check out. Keep your calendars open and keep them updated with The Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau's website, www.vistiomaha.com or www.omaha.com.

Sounds of the Season Gene Leahy Mall, 14th and Farnam Streets Saturday, and Dec. 10 and Dec. 17; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Choral ensembles, children's choirs, ethnic choirs, bands and professional musicians entertain in the park in conjunction with Omaha's Holiday Lights Festival. Admission: Free Information: www.holidaylightsfestival.org or 345-5401

Gingerbread House Festival Mormon Trail Center, 3215 State St. Saturday through Jan. 1; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily Gingerbread house display, decorated trees, musical entertainment. Admission: Free Information: 453-9372

Holiday Under Glass Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St. Dec. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16; noon to 12:45 p.m. Luncheon concert series featuring area high school and university choirs and youth orchestras. Lunch available for purchase. Admission:

\$6, adults; \$4, seniors and college students; \$3.50, ages 5 to 17 Information: (402) 342-3300; www.joslyn.org.

Holiday Poinsettia Show Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St. Through Jan. 6; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Christmas and New Year's Day. More than 7,000 poinsettia plants are grown in Lauritzen Gardens' greenhouses for this annual show. Twenty-foot poinsettia tree, decorated Christmas trees, three antique sleighs and a model train. Admission: Mondays through Saturdays, \$6, adults and seniors; \$3, ages 6 to 12. Sundays, \$2, adults and seniors; youth, free. Contact: (402) 346-4002.

Dickens in the Market Old Market, 11th and Howard Streets. Through Dec. 31. Thursdays and Fridays, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. Victorian holiday experience. Strolling holiday characters, carolers and musicians in period costume entertain each weekend under the decorated eaves of the Old Market. Admission: Free. Information: (402) 341-1877.

Christmas at Union Station Durham Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 10th St. Through Jan. 8; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closing 1 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Omaha's largest indoor Christmas tree decorated in a "Salute to Those Who Serve and Protect." Live music on weekends in December. Special exhibits include "Faces of Christmas," featuring photos of Omaha holiday celebrations in past decades; and "Holiday Miniatures," showcasing a miniature Christmas village. Information: (402) 444-5071, www.dwhm.org.



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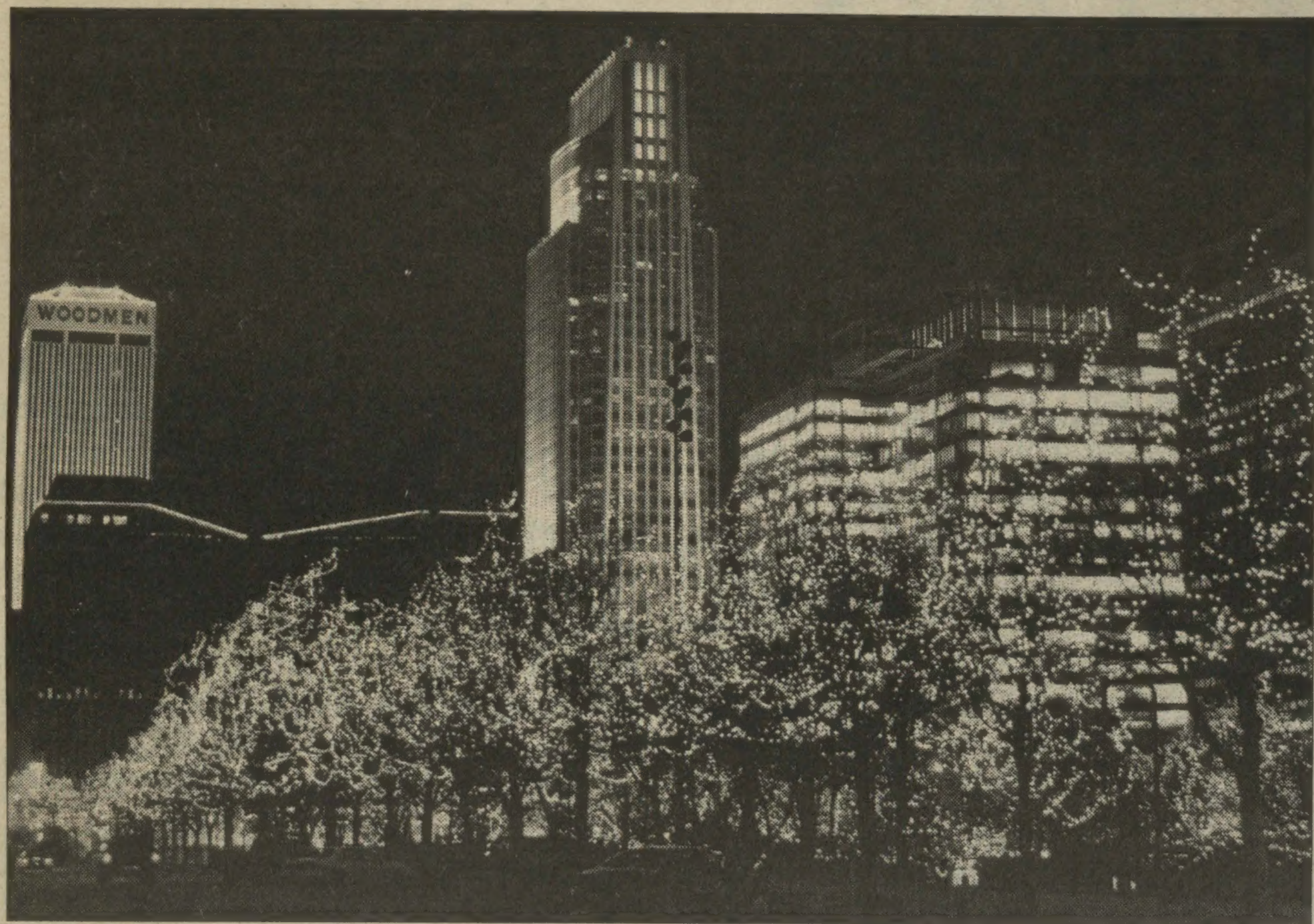
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IN THEATRES CHRISTMAS DAY!

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Since 1999, downtown Omaha has been lit up like a Christmas tree, something Omahans have come to look forward to each year.

photo by Michelle Bishop

Downtown lights becoming a favorite Omaha tradition

ERIKA BERG
STAFF WRITER

Traditions. They're what make the holiday season special to you and your family. There are many traditions associated with Christmas, but none so popular as the annual lighting of downtown Omaha.

Being new to the area, I didn't know what seemed so great about a bunch of Christmas lights until I went downtown to experience it myself. It was only when I was standing in a crowd of 30,000 people on Thanksgiving night did I realize that with a flip of a switch, Omaha could transform into a winter wonderland.

The sight got me thinking. Has

Omaha always lit up downtown? How many lights do they use? Who are the people that actually had the idea to put lights somewhere other than their house? I found my answers after an interview with Marc Nichols, 15-year board member of Downtown Omaha Inc. Foundation.

"The concept of lighting downtown started in the early 90s," Nichols says. "It wasn't till 1997 when we got our first street, 16th Street, lit. The event really took off in 1999, when Omaha had its first 'Millennium Lights.' After that show, we knew we were onto something big."

With a few successful years under their belt, Downtown Omaha Inc. Foundation developed a strategic plan

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Holiday Shopping for dummies 101

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The holidays bring to mind "Ho, ho, ho" and mistletoe, gathering with loved ones and singing Christmas carols while sipping on hot cocoa and eggnog. What people forget about every year is the pushing, shoving, cursing and sometimes car-keying that comes along with the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping. Here are some tips to keep this year's holiday shopping as stress-free and successful as possible.

- **PLAN AHEAD!** Make your list and be sure to check it twice, or your holiday shopping will be naughty, not nice. On your list, include everyone you are buying for and what you are getting them. Try to lump gifts into categories of where you are going to get them, so you won't be dashing all about town only to realize you forgot to pick up Granny's scarf when you were just at the mall! If you haven't

yet figured out what you are going to buy a specific person, try to at least put down a prospective budget...you need to know how much cash/credit/checking account balance you need.

- **PACE YOURSELF!** If money is tight, or at least an issue, try shopping a little bit each week until the big day. If you buy a little here and a little there, it won't seem like such a big dent in your pocket. Plus, you won't be rushing around at the last minute ready to burst into tears if Oprah's favorite sweater is sold out at the department store.

- **SHOP SMART!** Look at the sales ads in the paper for deals on things you are already planning to buy. This goes back to the list-making. Put these items on your list if they are what you need, but don't get caught in the store with your hand on your wallet just because you see something that seems like a good deal. A lot of stores offer holiday specials that sell out early. If you can get to the store early, great. If not, don't break your back trying to—a lot of stores offer rain checks on items that are not currently in stock.

- **GIVE GENERIC!** And not off-brand lotions. Give gift cards to stores where everyone shops, like Target or Wal-Mart. If you are getting a gift for a couple try a gift certificate for a nice restaurant where they can enjoy some time together. A family might like certificates to go to the movies, or your friend who is into arts and crafts might appreciate a Hobby Lobby gift card. Know a diva or someone who really deserves a pampering? Local massage schools offer

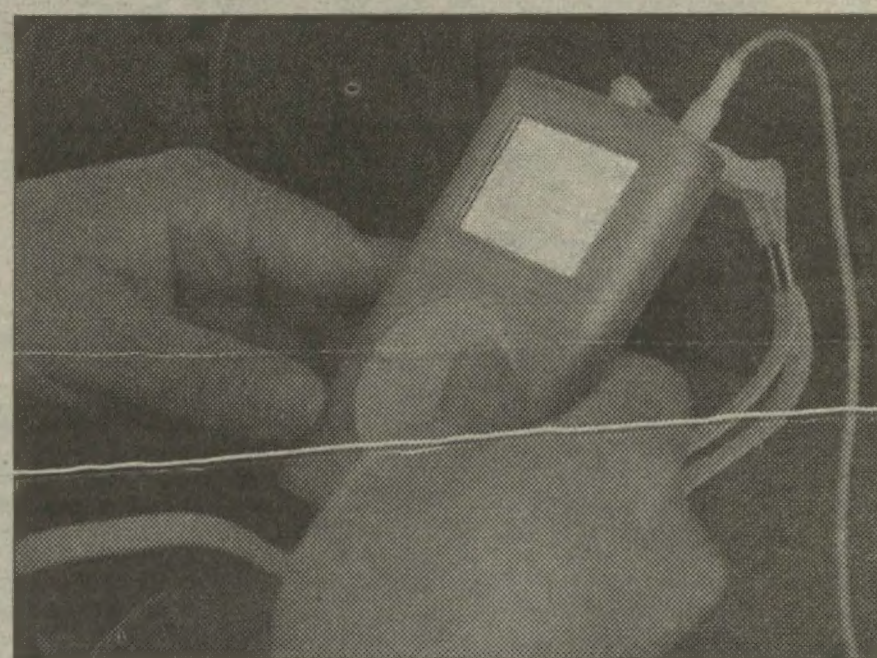


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cheap sessions as do many beauty schools in the area.

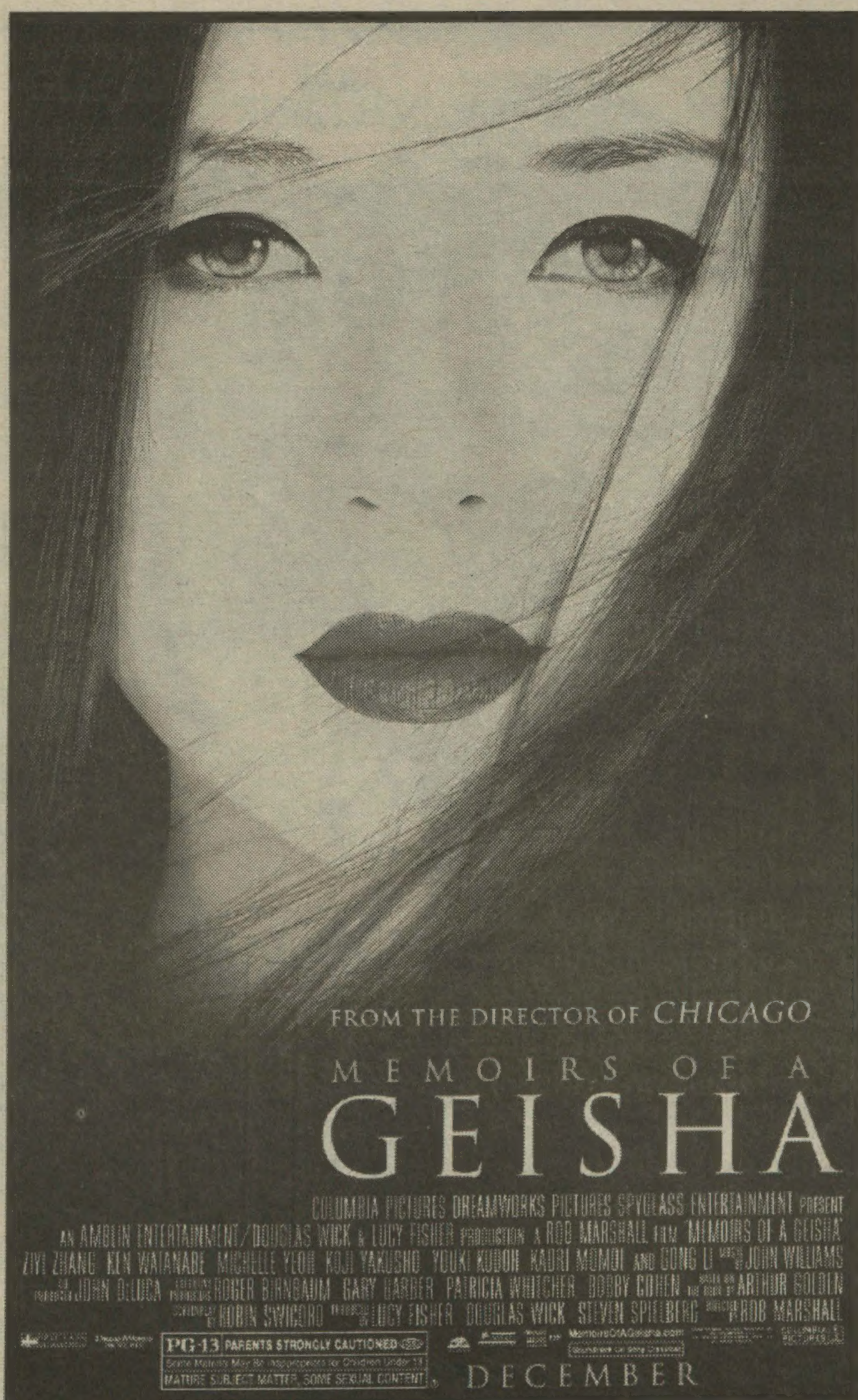
- **SET A DATE!** Preferably a week before the major holiday hits, to be done with your shopping. That way you still have time to wrap, write out cards, make holiday plans and relax before the stress of family togetherness hits!

With a lot of chutzpa and a little planning your holiday shopping can go down as smooth as Aunt Sally's pumpkin pie did at Thanksgiving. And remember, it's the thought that really counts.

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OPENS IN OMAHA DECEMBER 23RD!

What do Melissa and her grandmother have in common?

They believe in Social Security



For 70 years, Americans—like Melissa's grandmother—have counted on Social Security as a safety net. The program has been so successful that 13 million seniors escape poverty each year.

When it comes time for Melissa to retire, Social Security should be there for her too. This provides her grandmother with a lot of comfort.

Unfortunately, politicians in Washington are pushing a privatization plan that would drastically cut future benefits and leave today's youth with trillions of dollars of debt. This has a lot of Americans concerned, including us.

Please tell Congress to protect Social Security for our generation.

Take action and learn more at www.StudentsForSocialSecurity.org
and www.ConcernedScientistsinAging.org



Keeping off holiday pounds over break: All about diet and exercise

MIKE MCMANUS

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. We begin dashing through the snow, while listening to silver bells on the street corners. We don our gay apparel, while engulfing ourselves in figgy pudding.

It's time to be filled with Christmas cheer now that the holidays are upon us.

Now that the Christmas shopping has begun and the meal preparations are in full swing, it's time to worry about something serious. No, it's not the cashmere sweater you requested from good O'le Saint Nick. It's about the body that the cashmere sweater is going to have to cling to after you have finished consuming your holiday treats.

However, don't fret dear holiday treat eater, there are ways to avoid the holiday pounds that are easy and simple to follow.

The Gateway caught up with Marcia Adler, coordinator for UNO's student health services, to get some professional insight.

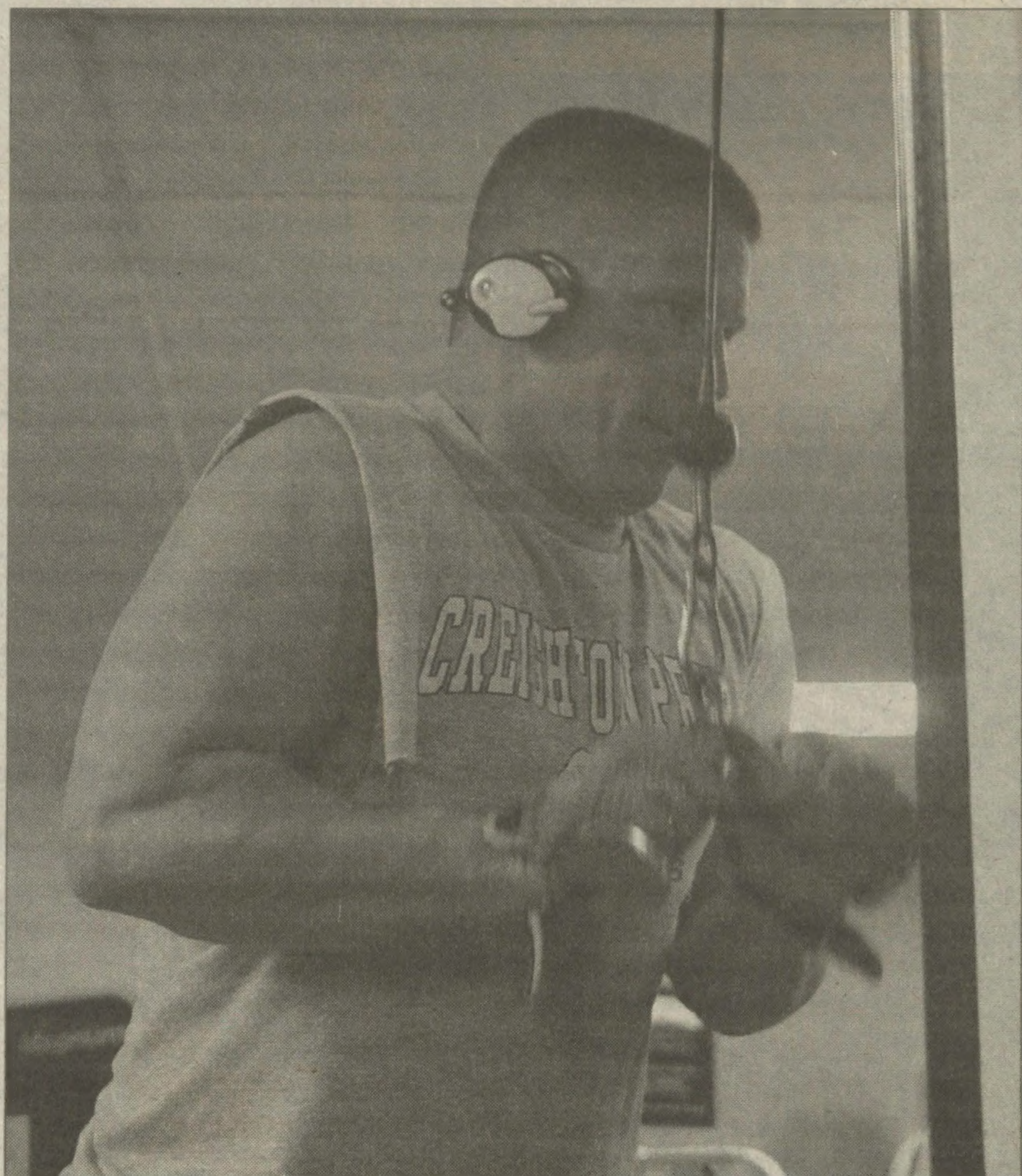
Fasting is an issue of concern that often appears around the holiday season. Individuals will go without food for one to three days to prepare themselves for the cornucopia of treats on Christmas day. This is obviously harmful to the body, but this fact doesn't seem to soak into our Christmas-filled brains. Marcia Adler knows the seriousness of this issue.

"The fasting method is definitely not a good plan," she says. "The issue with multiple days of fasting is that it sets your body's metabolic system on a bit of a roller-coaster. When the body reverts back to the famine mode it wants to retain all of the calories possible to cover the next slump in food consumption."

Besides the fact that your body needs a specific caloric intake per day to function properly, fasting will only cause you to eat more than desired when the Christmas spread is put on the table.

A healthier alternative would be to eat three small meals for those days prior to the feast. Adler stresses the fact that they need to contain dairy, vegetables, fruits, and grains.

Another misconception many students have concerns the amount of calories they should consume in a single day. "The calorie needs of any person depends on the activity level of the individual," Adler says. "A student that works telemarketing is very different than a student moving snow with a shovel. I often have students tell me, 'I walk all day at work.' A leisurely pace that does not raise the heart rate does not burn calories at the same rate as some one engaged in an aerobic activity such as unloading trucks."



Jeff Hansen works out at the Health Physical Education and Recreation building. Diet and exercise are the two simplest ways to keep the pounds off this holiday season.

photo by Caelan Miller

In short, the caloric intake for an 18 to 24 year old student that works and goes to school is about 2,000 calories a day, Adler says.

Let's look at it this way: one cup of eggnog has 342 calories, one ounce of fudge has 384 calories, an individual serving of pecan pie consists of 421 calories and a handful of almond bark pretzels has 234 calories. Bringing the grand total of snack

calories to 1,381 calories! That's just desert, and a desert that many UNO students could easily consume. Kind of scary when it only takes about 3,500 calories to gain one pound. Three days of eating the above snacks, and you're there!

This advice may seem useful, but what is a student to do when he is cornered in the kitchen, with a full Christmas dinner spread before his/her eyes?

"If the meal is a sit-down affair, I would encourage people to pace themselves with the slowest eater at the table," Adler says. "Usually there is a 'pace-setter' is identified. Better get food quick because so-and-so is ready for a refill."

"When we bench mark our food consumption against already identified unhealthy eaters we are sure to be double losers—both the 'pace' and weight gain!"

Try having a light breakfast if the noon meal is going to be the big one. And don't deprive yourself. If you deprive yourself of that small sliver of pie your brain will try and justify you eating the pound of fudge later on in the day since you passed on the slice of pie you truly desired. Marcia Adler's rule for treats is simple: one treat at a time.

"If you select one treat and then sit down and have to get off the chair to get a second helping, you're less likely to consume as much as you would by piling your plate," she says.

The key factor to keep in mind over the holidays is portions. You shouldn't deprive yourself of holiday foods. It's natural that we look forward to them every

year, so why not enjoy? You can eat anything on the dinner table, as long as you use small portions. If you have a plate filled with small scoops of each item, you will find yourself full, and less likely to go back to the table to pick at the decadent dish you passed up.

Now that dinner is over think of healthy ways to keep yourself active. The biggest mistake we make is sitting on the couch watching football (unless it's a game at the McManus residence, where things get broken, pictures fall off walls, and screams can be heard throughout the town). If you just sit after a meal, nothing is burned! Watch all those who remain at the table after the meal is over—they continue to eat. Sometimes they don't even realize it.

Sitting causes all those calories you just consumed to rest in your stomach, begin digestion, and eventually turn into fat. Why not start a game of flag football? Or maybe have a big paintball tournament in the backyard. The simple key is to remain active. You can eat to your hearts content as long as you have a plan to burn some of the calories you consumed. However keep in mind that you have to burn around 3,000 calories to get rid of one pound of fat. That's a lot of pushups.

Finally, the biggest problem we face when the holiday season approaches are hidden calories.

"The calorie consumption issue that gets many people in trouble is not counting the calories from beverages," Adler says. "That wonderful coffee drink that was picked up while Christmas shopping has 500 to 1000 calories or more. Drinking that can of soda or beer adds silent calories. We all recognize the calories in a pile of mashed potatoes but discount the calories in the Ranch dressing that we dip the carrots or pizza in."

Remember that very few of us actually eat because we are hungry. We unfortunately eat to change how we are feeling. Much of the holiday weight gain is caused by easing feelings with food. Food acts as a suppressant just like any drug or addiction. We use food to manage depression, anger, love and even hate. It's a vicious cycle.

Although a lot of this information discusses issues that we often try to ignore, there is no doubt that anybody wants to gain unwanted weight. Keep these simple tips in mind, and have no fear when the Christmas holiday is near. Seasons eatings!

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with two main goals. The local goal was to have a family-centered winter festival, kicked off by the annual lighting event. This year, following the lights on Thanksgiving, they added an ice skating show at the Qwest Center, which was followed by public skating. Museums and theaters also open at that time with premier events, often free or for a minimal charge.

This year at Christmas time, they are bringing in an internationally-known ice sculptor at ConAgra campus, which will be filled with 100 blocks of ice, each weighing over 100 pounds. In the Old Market, you'll find yourself listening to different choirs every weekend till the first week in

January, and New Year's Eve will be marked by a fireworks display even larger than the Fourth of July show at Rosenblatt Stadium—and these are just a few of the activities taking place during the holiday season.

The national goal was to become the largest lighting display in the country with events all centered on the family. "We're already the largest display in the region, even larger than Kansas City," Nichols says. "We have well over a million lights and last year we were featured on three of the four major networks, including Good Morning America and Fox News."

With lights spanning from 16th Street, to Harney Street, to 10th Street

and Abott Drive all the way to the river and around the Civic Center, Downtown Omaha Inc. Foundation is making good progress to eventually having the whole downtown covered in lights.

"The biggest payoff is turning on the lights and seeing the look of joy in the faces of grandparents, parents, kids and babies," Nichols says.

So if your holiday routine is becoming, well, routine, try adding one of Omaha's fastest-growing traditions. From the first time they flip the switch on Thanksgiving, to strolling through the park at Christmas, to finally celebrating New Year's Eve with a massive fireworks display, you won't be disappointed.

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old dependable Dick Boyd's shoes next year.

But the modest Boyd always attempts to downplay his part. "They give me too much credit on the thing. It's the show and the story. I'm just part of it," Boyd said in the article.

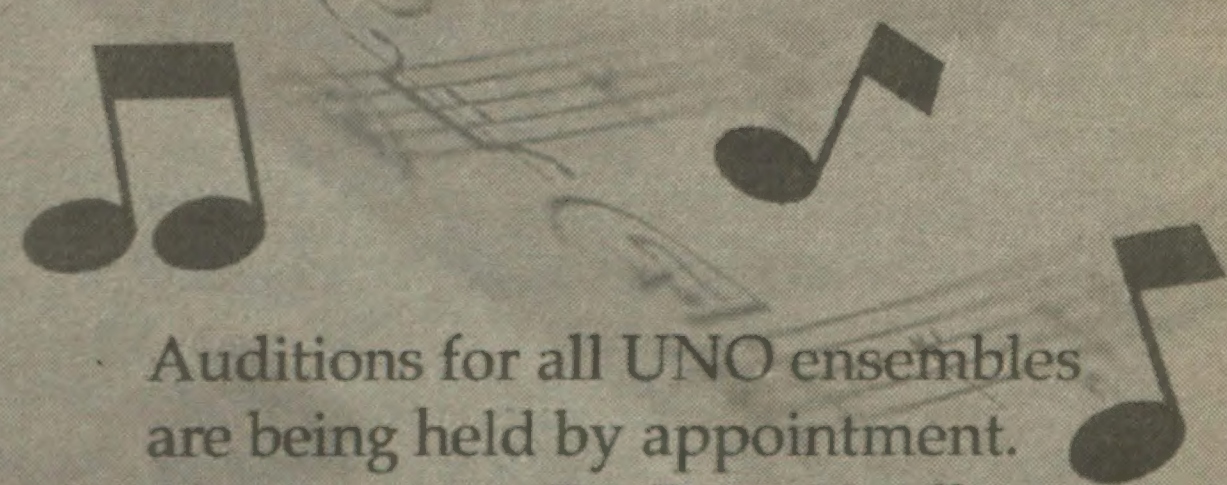
Anyone who's had the pleasure of seeing Boyd twirling around in his

white pajamas and cap, scarf scraping along the stage, knows the Playhouse will be filled with damp eyes the night of Thursday the 22nd. Each time Boyd steps on stage his performance is moving, but his last one, his final farewell, will be an event that lives in Omaha theatre history forever.

You still have a chance to

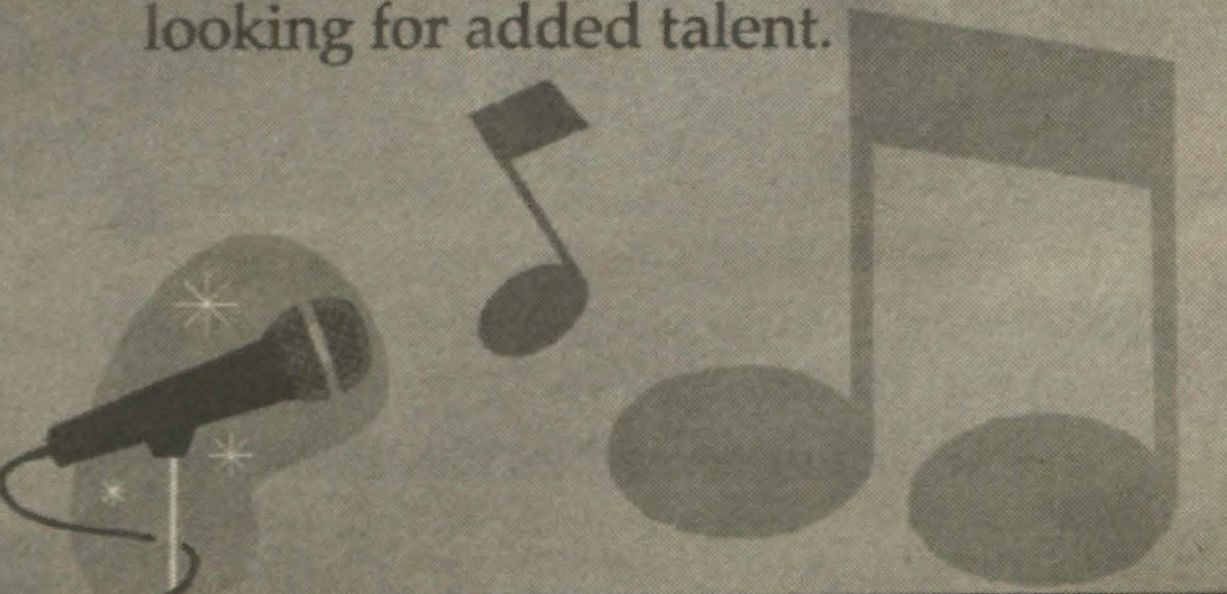
catch Boyd as Ebenezer Scrooge. "A Christmas Carol" plays at the Omaha Community Playhouse Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The final performance will be on Thursday Dec. 22. Tickets are very limited so make sure you get yours today.

Musicians Wanted!



Auditions for all UNO ensembles are being held by appointment. Please contact Dr. Erica Neidlinger for UNO bands, Dr. Christopher Stanichar for orchestra, Professor Scott Miller for UNO chorus, and Dr. Peter Madsen for UNO jazz.

All ensembles are constantly looking for added talent.



For questions please call 554-3411.

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Michelle Bishop | Photo Editor

Inside the chancellor's home

Not every student gets the opportunity to tour Chancellor Nancy Belck's midtown home. So when members of the *Gateway*

staff joined Belck for refreshments at her home recently, we decided to share our experience with our readers.

Belck said you can tell a lot about a person by looking at their home. And this is what Belck's home says about her:



(Above) Belck loves her three dogs. She feeds Greenies, teeth-cleaning dog treats, to her Dachshunds Caesar, Cleo and Sheba while in her kitchen. (Left) Belck sits in her living room that is decorated with unique items from across the globe.

Happy Holidays



from the Milo Bail Student Center



(Above) Belck's 2,556-square-foot home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and one dog door.

(Right) Belck, who has traveled extensively internationally, shows off some works she purchased in Nicaragua that hang in her kitchen.



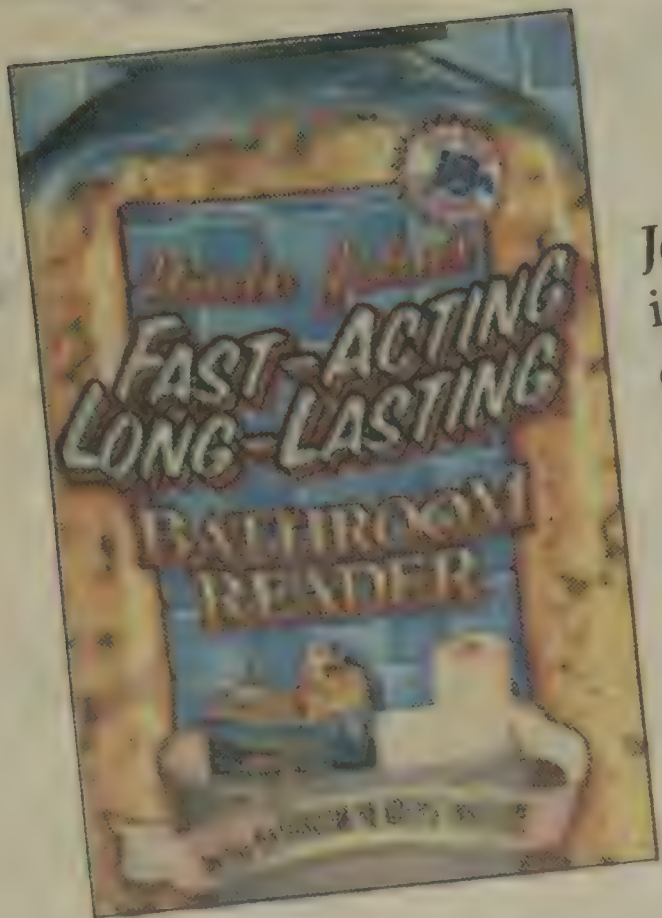
(Left) Belck kisses one of her pups while touring the basement of her home.

(Below) Belck shows pictures of her family that sit atop a bookshelf in her living room. Belck is also an avid reader when she has time. She recently read, "The World is Flat" by Thomas L. Friedman.



(Left) A tea set from Pakistan is one of the unique items in Belck's sitting room.

Belck, a Louisiana native, has called Omaha her home for the past nine years. "We really like Omaha," she said. "And we don't plan on leaving."



For the weird story or trivia buff out there is the *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader* series. This very interesting series is now on its 18th installment and it has many offshoots of the series. Just check out their Web site, which sells the books and soap that is shaped like a toilet. There is even a Christmas collection out there right now. The newest book, called *Uncle John's Fast-Acting Long-Lasting Bathroom Reader*, is \$11.48 at Walmart.com and \$12.21 at the Borders teamed with Amazon.com book site.

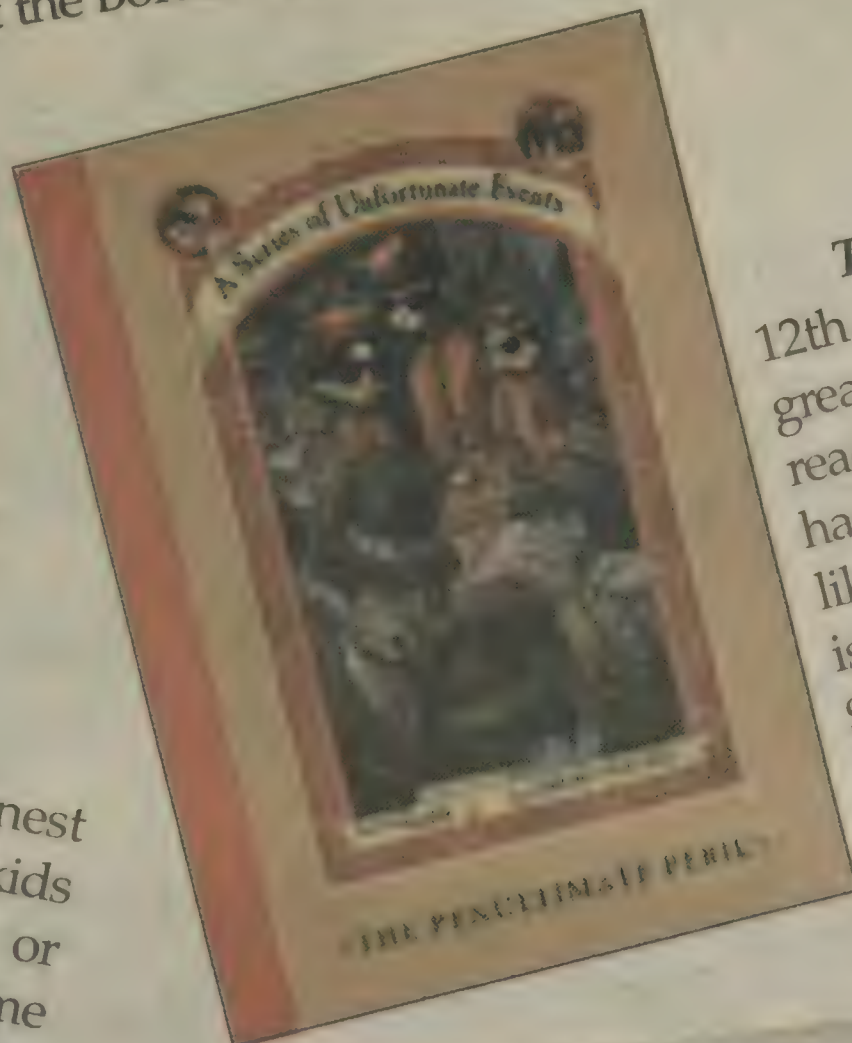
Books



Dragonology by Ernest Drake is a fantastic book for kids or adults who like dragons or just plain fantasy. It has some really beautiful pictures and the book itself looks so cool that you just want to read it. The book costs \$10.61 at Walmart.com and \$13.11 at Amazon.com.



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling is the sixth book in the Harry Potter series. It is a must have for any Harry Potter fan. A major character dies in this book and the end is a cliffhanger. The hardcover version is \$14.49 at Walmart.com and \$16.99 at the Borders teamed with Amazon.com. If you want to make that Harry Potter fan extremely happy you can buy the deluxe edition of the book. It is \$56.40 at Walmart.com and \$60.00 at Amazon.com.



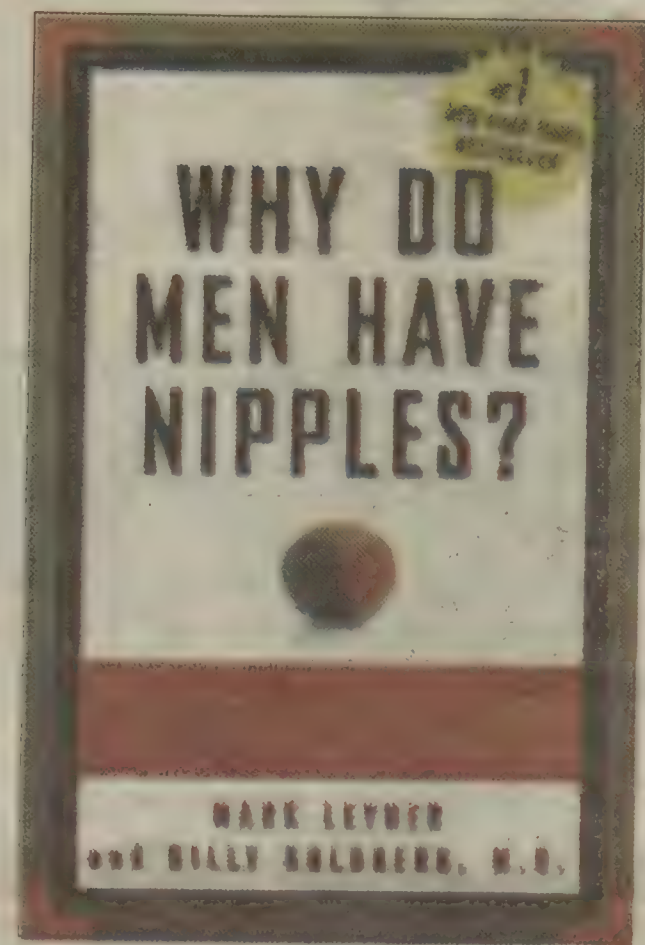
The *Penultimate Peril* the 12th Lemony Snicket book is great for the person who has been reading the series. For those who have not, though, they could still like the story because the series is extremely hilarious. It costs \$8.05 at Walmart.com and \$9.30 at Amazon.com.



For the person that loves to cook but has almost no time (a.k.a. college students) there is the cookbook *Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats--A Year of Deliciously Different Dimers (A 30-Minute Meal Cookbook)*. It is an interesting concept to be able to cook a whole meal that fast and could be a practical and handy book to have. It is \$11.07 at Walmart.com and \$13.57 at Amazon.com.



For the puzzle lover out there, Sudoku could be the way to go. It involves a lot of strategy and there are plenty of books out there, so why not get that person on your list a book of Sudoku and the *Sudoku Classic Day-to-Day 2006*. This is a day-to-day calendar so whoever you buy it for can have a new puzzle every day. It costs \$8.34 at Walmart.com and \$9.59 at the Amazon.com.



Mark Leyner's and Billy Goldberg's *Why Do Men Have Nipples? Hundreds of Questions You'd Only Ask a Doctor After Your Third Martini*. By just looking at the title you know that this has to be an interesting book. It says that it is full of questions and answers about things that many people think about. The book is \$8.80 at Walmart.com and \$10.05 at Amazon.com.



Season's Greetings

Hoping your Holiday Season rings in a Happy New Year!

Nancy Belch

Chancellor

CAMPUS SECURITY OFFERS HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Campus Security would like to remind the campus community of some common sense safety tips to practice during the holiday season.

"With so many students, staff and faculty rushing to get shopping done or taking care of end-of-the-semester tasks, security issues may take a backseat" said Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security and traffic at UNO. "A few simple tips can make a big difference."

- When a person leaves his or her room or office, lock it up, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Avoid leaving valuables or packages in plain view in a vehicle. Place them in the trunk or between the seats. When possible, do so before parking.
- During the holiday break, take valuables home from campus offices and residence halls.
- Anyone who is going to be working on campus late in the evening or when few people are around should consider advising Campus Security so that an officer can pay special attention to the area.
- Anyone entering a locked residence hall, apartment building or campus building should make sure the door closes completely. Strangers should not follow anyone into a secure building.
- Students who live on campus and are leaving town for the holidays should make sure they have someone keeping an eye on their residence and leave emergency contact information.

For more information, call Campus Security at x4-2648.

GIFT GUIDE

about everyone on your list!

Country:

Carrie Underwood, *Some Hearts*

Winner of American Idol's fourth season, won the hearts of the TV audience and is now quickly becoming one of the most loved country singers of our time.



Music

Dance:

Madonna, *Confessions on a Dance Floor*

The most influential and popular female singer of our time returns to her roots in this dance CD filled with club/techno beats.



Classical:

Il Divo, *Self Titled*

A Quartet created by the conniving Simon Cowell. Think 3 Tenors meets N'sync. Their harmonies are breathtaking and so are their bodies.



Pop:

Natasha Bedingfield, *Unwritten*

Sister of the hit singer Daniel Bedingfield ("Gotta Get Through This"). Natasha has a style all to own that has won the hearts of America with her hit single "These Words."



Easy Listening:

Michael Buble, *Home*

With his hit song, "Home," remaining on the Adult Contemporary top spot for over three months, this CD has the perfect blend of jazz and soul to make anyone smile.



Acoustic/Soul:

Marc Broussard, *Carencro*

Gradually becoming one of the hottest singers of today's music scene. With music similar to Gavin Degraw and Josh Kelley, Broussard has a style that will interest any listener.



R&B:

Faith Evans, *The First Lady*

The wife of the late Biggie Smalls comes back with one of her best CDs to date. Her soul and rhythm only seems to be getting stronger. This album is a must!



Rock:

Wasteland, *The Autumn Affect*

Man, does this lead singer ever have some pipes! This CD is getting rave reviews and is definitely one to consider this holiday season.



Alternative/new age:

Frou Frou, *Details*

One of the most cutting-edge albums in recent years! The singer's vocals resemble a Enya-ish sound with punk and soul. Amazing!

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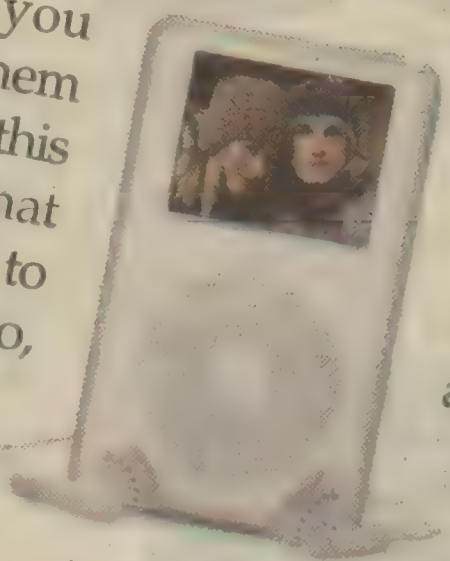


Zeno - \$225

Zeno is lighter-sized high-tech handheld pimple eradicator and it is a must own grooming product for ladies. It uses a highly focused heat ray to put p. acnes bacteria that causes 90 percent of pimples into a heat-shock and effectively destroying them immediately. It takes two minutes and can completely clear acne in a matter of hours with no side affects. It works best for those with mild to moderate acne. Online only at myzeno.com

iPod Video - \$299

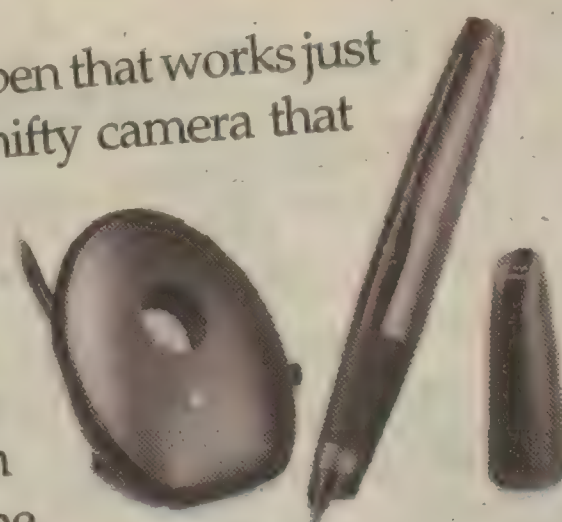
If your significant other dumps you because you didn't get them an iPod video this Christmas that you were told to get a month ago, you probably deserved it. This is a must-own product this holiday season for anyone. The \$299



version is 30 gigabytes, plenty enough for anyone to store hours of video, music or photos. Smaller than the previous version, better battery life for music, larger screen, and life is good. Available online at apple.com or in retail stores.

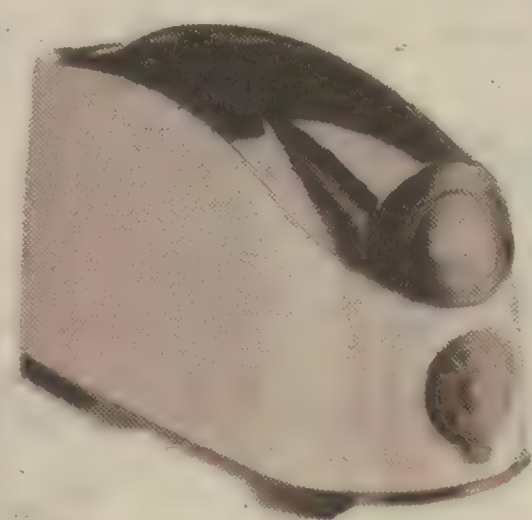
Logitech io2 - \$199

At \$199 io2 is a digital pen that works just like a regular pen with a nifty camera that takes real-time pictures of everything you write. Once connected to a computer you can access the information as is, or you can take the handwritten notes and turn them into text documents. The io2 does require a digital notebook which runs at \$8.95 and a dock connector for \$29. Online and retail at logitech.com



Xbox 360 - \$399

While it may be near impossible to find, this is one of the best products available this holiday season. With a hard drive, wireless controller, media center remote and the unit for cool \$399, Xbox 360 is a beast. Built in online capabilities do require high-speed Internet and a high definition monitor makes a great sidekick to this box. Impossible to find retail until after New Years', currently selling on eBay for \$700 to \$1200.



Cooper Cooler - \$89

Cooper Cooler is a small portable beverage chiller and can heat up or cool down any beverage to desired temperature in just under a minute. For those with more class, a wine bottle cools down in two to six minutes, and overall it is 90 times faster than your fridge. Excellent for dorm rooms, parties and saves on fridge space. Easily fits 12 oz. or 16 oz. cans and standard wine bottles. Online only at BestBuy.com

Leapster L-Max

The Leapster L-Max is an updated version of the award-winning LeapFrog Leapster. It's an action-packed educational game system for kids that helps teach essential preschool through 4th grade skills. The L-Max can connect to your TV for dual-screen multi-player action. L-Max features multiple skill levels, tailored tutorials, and multiple gaming options. Using a game cartridge children can follow spoken instructions. Children will have enough fun playing, that they won't realize it's educational. For ages 4 to 10, Leapster L-Max requires 4 AA batteries.

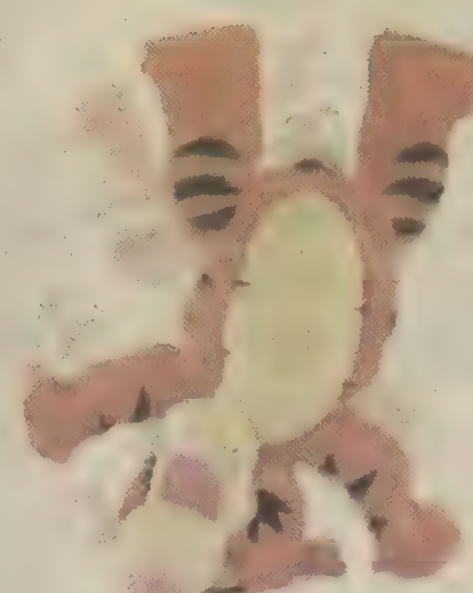


Harmony Remote - \$249

This holiday season bring home at least one bit of harmony with Logitech's Harmony 880 universal remote control. If you have it, it can operate it! Easy setup, color screen, works with TiVo and a device list can be updated through a computer USB connection. Now, the only reason to get away from TV is to find a remote-operated refrigerator.



Tumble Time Tigger



What would the holidays be without a cuddly fluff capturing the imagination of small children everywhere? Fisher-Price is filling the void with Tumble Time Tigger. With a push of his ear, children can bring their cuddly friend to life. This sound activated friend interacts with your child, responding to their voice and hand claps with an assortment of cartwheels and handstands. For ages 18 months to 4 years, requires 6 AA batteries (included).

Discovery Remote Control Roboraptor

There isn't much better in the world of toys than a giant, 32" long dinosaur. From the makers of RoboSapien roars the RoboRaptor. This robot with realistic, biomorphic motions and advanced artificial intelligence was the winner of the 2005 Toy of the Year Award by Creative Child. RoboRaptor can run autonomously in "free range mode" with his infrared vision system to detect objects in his path, and laser tracking that allows him to see motion. For ages 8+, RoboRaptor requires six AA and three AAA batteries.



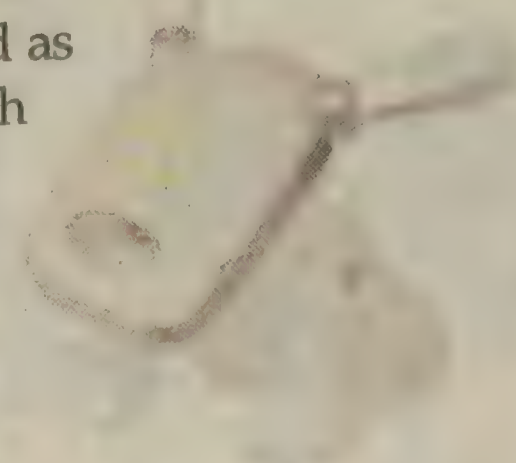
Furby

Hasbro has resurrected a well known 90s fad toy, the Furby. Using what Hasbro calls "emoto-nics" today's evolved Furby makes his older brothers seem antiquated. Furby now speaks English and is able to show his moods through his tone of voice and his facial expressions. A newly adopted Furby can only speak his native tongue, Furbish. A content and happy Furby will eventually tell jokes, sing songs and play games. For ages 6+, Furby runs on four AA batteries (not included).

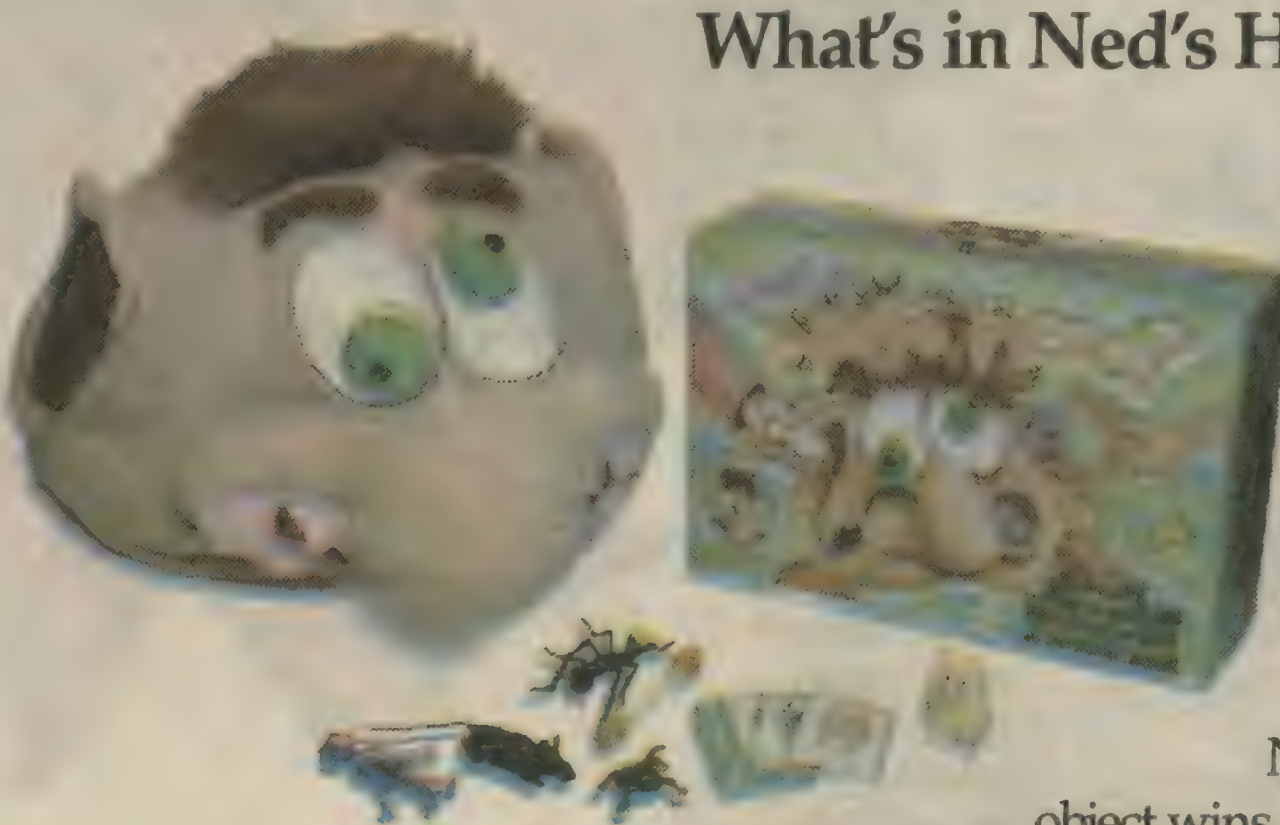


iDog

iDOG is touted as the little dog with big sound. iDOG "rocks out" to your music, if you plug him in, he even plays it. The palm-sized iDOG features a built-in speaker, a distinct array of moods and a personality that changes with the music you "feed" it. Included dual connector cable plugs into your music player (he is compatible with most brands). You can play music through iDOG; listen to music through headphones while iDOG rocks out or let him off his leash. Put him near a speaker and watch iDOG shake his robotic money maker. For ages 8+, requires 2 AA batteries.



What's in Ned's Head? Game



It's a fact that kids are drawn to gross things. What's in Ned's Head is a game built around that concept. Children pick a card, and then reach inside Ned's ears and nose to uncover an assortment of delightful, yet disgusting, items including a rat, a worm, Ned's lunch and more. This gross-out game makes kids giggle with glee as they discover the gruesome things lodged in Ned's head. The first player to find the correct object wins the game. For 2 to 4 players, ages 4+.



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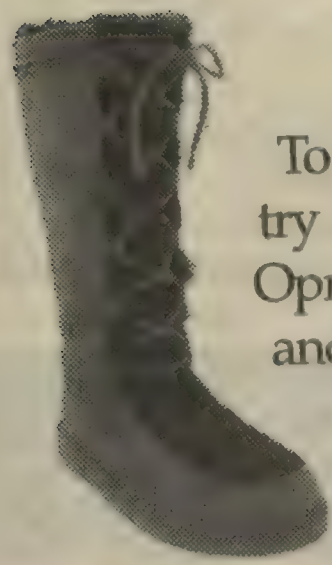
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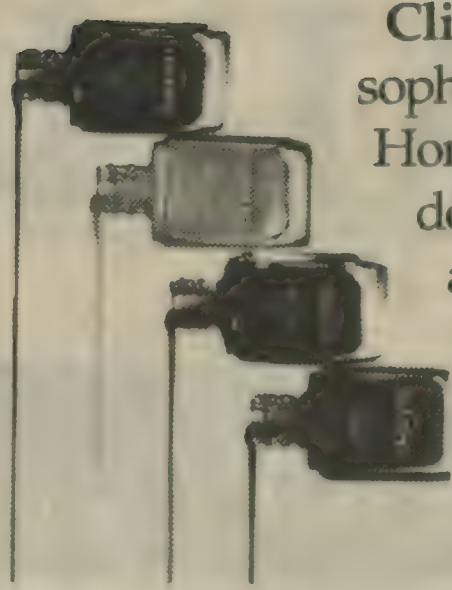
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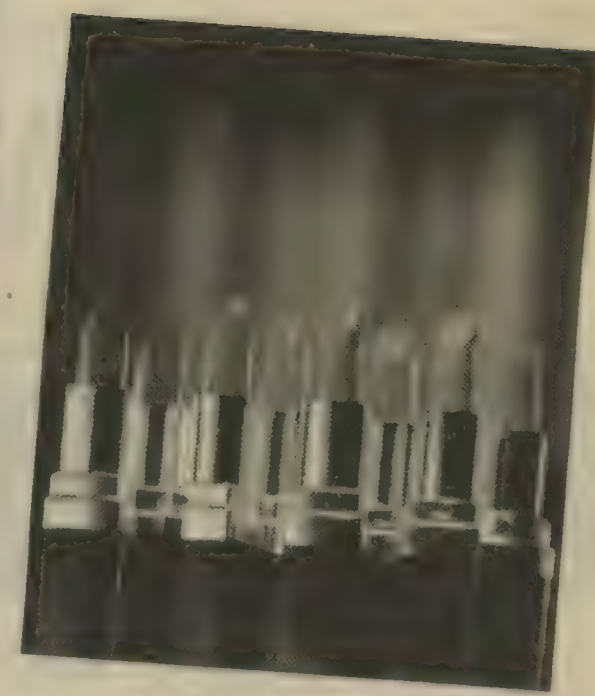


Pair your hot jeans with some hot boots. To stay warm in the winter wonderland try **Uggs new lace-up** version as seen on Oprah's favorite things. Available in black and two-tone brown, you can get yours first online at Nordstrom.com.



Clinique is going for sophistication with their Black Honey Collection. Eyes are defined and smokey. Cheeks are shimmery and glowing. And the whole look is inspired by the raisin-red glossy lip.

Chanel is going pink and softer for the holidays. Lips and nails are sensual with shades of purple, pink and sexy red. Eyes are warm and glowing with shimmering peach and gold tones.



Women's Fashion

Everyone knows that diamonds, and make-up, are a girl's best friends. Make-up gives you ability to change your look as fast as you can change your lipstick. For all of your Christmas parties this winter the trends for cosmetics range from soft and angelic to sassy and sultry. Here is your guide to this winter's hottest looks from your favorite cosmetic lines coolest holiday collections.

'**Wrapped in Radiance**' is Lancôme's holiday color collection this winter and it consists of smokey eyes with shimmering icy blues and silvers finished with a dramatic red sparkling lip and nails.

Denim is dressier than ever, and also comfortable and flattering for almost anyone. Top picks? Seven For All Mankind now carry junior's sizes that are more affordable and detailed available at Dillard's.

Embellished blazers add a polished feel to any ensemble. Tweed with stitching or animal print, most stores carry this standard piece. Check out Express or Dillard's for some hot styles to carry you through the season.



'**Holiday Pleasures**' with Estee Lauder is described as glacial and icy. Lips are light pink with crystal gloss. Eyes shimmer with frosty glacial pink and icy beige. Cheeks are cool and highlighted with snow shimmer face powder.

Men's Fashion

All above items can be purchased at most local department stores in Omaha. Check out American Eagle or Urban Outfitters.com for the exact items listed below.



Bright vests may be out, but these new **vintage winter vests** are in! You may even be able to find a few of these buried in your dad's closet!



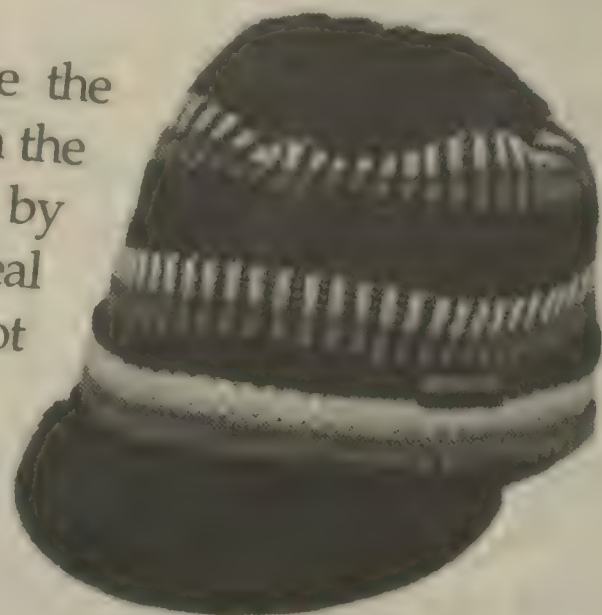
The scrawny look is slowly replacing the "muscle bound" image. **Tight-fitting sweaters** such as the one pictured is perfect to show off your minuscule biceps with no shame!



Blazers came to the fashion scene last season and seem to be sticking around for years to come. They go good with anything and make the perfect fashionable gift for any guy.

Remember wearing **sweater vests** back in middle school? Well tear them out again, because they are in again! Pairing up a sweater vest with a button up shirt makes for the perfect holiday ensemble.

Radar beanies are the trendiest winter hats on the market! Made popular by Danny on the recent real world, these hats are a hot commodity this holiday season



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MavRadio Pick of the Year: Local Music

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With only three weeks left in the year, it is safe to say that this has been one of the best years in music for Omaha-based bands. Not since 1993, when the Omaha locals 311 released their first studio album *Music*, has there been a year when the 43rd largest city in the United States performed like it belonged in the top 10.

Back in the Saddle ... Creek
The biggest and arguably most surprising breakthrough in Omaha-based music came at the beginning of the year when Conor Oberst, lead singer of Bright Eyes and the brainchild behind Saddle-Creek Records released a double-CD pack that included *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn* and *I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning*. Both released on January 25, 2005, the two albums debuted at number 15 and number 10 on the Billboard Music Charts respectively. With *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn*, Oberst focuses more on an electronic-based sound reminiscent of his days as a member of Norman Bailer, predecessor to the national indie powerhouse, The Faint. Songs like "Take it Easy (Love Nothing)" and "Gold Mine Guttled" if anything, solidify Oberst's status as one of the most talented and prodigal lyricists of this generation. It was *I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning*, however, which gave Oberst his real success. The tracks "Lua" and "First Day of My Life" became radio staples on college campuses,

not only in Nebraska, but around the world. *Wide Awake* was also the only of the two releases that was able to break in on the UK Charts, topping at number 23.

Most impressive however, was that Bright Eyes' two singles from the two releases, "Lua" and "Take it Easy (Love Nothing)" reached numbers one and two at the Billboard Top 100 Singles Charts, which was the first time the feat had been accomplished in almost eight years. Also in 2005, Saddle Creek, the record label started by Oberst had it's biggest success to-date with new releases from its major staple artists: Cursive, Mayday, Son Ambulance, Broken Spindles, Azure Ray counterparts Maria



Taylor and Orenda Fink, and possibly the next biggest Omaha success story: Criteria.

In August 2005, Criteria released their second studio album entitled *When We Break*, and has had enormous success around the country. The album was essentially created completely in the mind of front-man Steve Pedersen, who, after returning to Omaha from Duke Law School, spent six months of 2001 in a basement room writing. It was only after Pederson recruited a motley crew of local musicians that Criteria was truly formed and released *En Garde* from Pedersen's writings. Pederson and Criteria's *When We Break*, the band's first release on the Saddle Creek label has been called "sophisticated emo" and songs like the group's first and to date, only single, "Prevent the World," help back

up that claim. As of Nov. 16, Criteria began taking on the rest of the world with a European tour, playing dates in Cambridge, Glasgow, London, Frankfurt, Barcelona and Madrid.

"Nu Metal" Kids on the Block

While Bright Eyes and Criteria may be getting national praise and selling tickets for shows halfway across the world, there are a crop of new acts who have managed to show the musical community that there is an Omaha fan base for harder and more uncompromising rock and, apparently, have managed to beat the rest of the country to the punch on what could be the dubbed the new "Omaha sound." The first release of this new sound was from Venaculas, a band that had been around for several years, but really hit it big with their January 2005 CD/DVD release entitled *Therapy*. Venaculas began to get heavy play on local stations like MavRadio and The River, eventually amassing a continually expanding fan base that followed them like gypsies to each and every one of their live shows. The first single from *Therapy* was the catchy, upbeat and rhythmic "Out of Time" followed quickly by the band's biggest hit to date, "Fly" which takes the best parts of "Out of Time" and magnifies them into a huge crowd favorite. Both songs were played in heavy rotation on the radio and propelled the band into a nearly non-stop eight-month tour of the Midwest and a reputation that now proceeds them as they take the next step forward, having recently signed a record deal with Random Records. In May, another band, Cellador, who specializes in melodic thrash metal, released a self-financed four-track demo entitled *Leaving All Behind*. The release features the songs "Leaving All Behind," "Seen Through Time," "No Chances Lost," and "Forever Unbound," each of which display the talent of the band through complicated riffs created by the band's bassist Valentin Rakhmanov as well as guitarists Chris Petersen and Sam Chatham, who recently left the group.

The band, who has been together for just over one year and even used to feature former MavRadio General Manager and UNO alumnus Josh Krohn, has skyrocketed to fame since their formation, playing shows with metal icons like The Black Dahlia Murder, who passed Cellador's album off to a representative for Metal Blade Records. In early November, the band's hard work paid off, signing a major record deal with Metal Blade Records. The band is now listed under the same banner as bands like As I Lay Dying, Unearth, Six Feet Under, and Lamb of God.

Also in 2005, the youngest band in this new wave of Omaha-natives looking to make names for themselves in the music world is the quickest to reach success. Not surprisingly, they are one of the most popular bands Omaha has seen in years. The band, which has been around for about a year, released its self-titled debut in the spring of 2005 and since then has been on a collision course with success beyond its wildest dreams. The release features the tracks "Back Home" and "In My Head," the radio singles and best known songs from the band, but the entire ten-track album is a

supreme accomplishment that mixes the right amount of musical quality with an effective use of addictive rhythms that may not be seen as quality because they are not endlessly complicated. They are, however, the trademark of a band that has mass

appeal across genres. Songs like "Wishing I Were You" and "Hell to Pay" are equally as impressive as the band's first two singles, signaling that it has no where to go but up. Emphatic's success has been the major story of the Omaha music scene, starting as a relatively unknown band playing various shows across the city but then

getting its big break in opening for the multi-platinum selling 311, also natives of Omaha, after winning Iowa Western's River Concert Series earlier this summer. The band began to headline shows soon after and, as of Nov. 25, were just signed to Universal Records, one of the biggest record labels in the nation, housing major artists like Godsmack, Blue October, The Mars Volta and Three Doors Down. Since Jan. 2005, three Omaha artists have signed, one has had two top-ranked singles on the Billboard Music Charts, and others have had countless new releases from one of the biggest independent music labels in the country. These accomplishments don't even begin to scratch the surface of how important a year it was for music in Omaha with groups like Straight Out of Junior High, Kill Bosby, Grasshopper Takeover and Sarah Beneck and the Robbers, as well as countless others, all releasing new material. Several years ago, Omaha was dubbed "the new Seattle," and while it may have taken several years, the musical talents of Omaha artists are proving that not only are they "the next Seattle," in reality, Omaha is better...much, much better.

Artist: Bright Eyes
Album: *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn*
Label: Saddle Creek
Key Tracks: "Gold Mine Guttled," "Take it Easy (Love Nothing)," "Ship In A Bottle"

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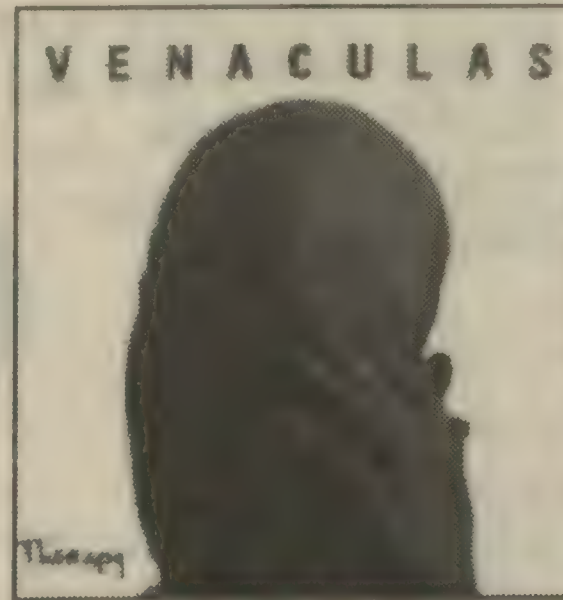
Artist: Criteria
Album: *Saddle Creek*
Label: Saddle Creek
Key Tracks: "Prevent the World," "Good Luck," "Grey Matter"

Artist: Venaculas
Album: *Therapy*
Label: Emphyre Records
Key Tracks: "Out of Time,"

"Fly," "The Whole World"

Artist: Cellador
Album: *Leaving All Behind*
Label: Self Financed
Key Tracks: "Leaving All Behind," "Seen Through Time," "No Chances Lost"

Artist: Emphatic
Album: *Emphatic*
Label: Self-Financed
Key Tracks: "In My Head," "Back Home," "Wishing I Were You"



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Xbox 360 is the future of gaming now, but it's still hard to find

SANEL SELIMOVIC

STAFF WRITER

Xbox 360 is a spectacular system; unfortunately you can't find it anywhere but eBay.

When it finally becomes available in stores, it will likely be early January and we'll be back to school. I did get my hands on a brand new product information pamphlet, however, and following are the basics of the system.

The console was due to hit stores Nov. 22 and area retailers quickly sold out.

Exactly three years after Microsoft introduced us to Xbox, it quickly became the console of choice for celebrities and hardcore gamers. Microsoft reorganized themselves over the past 3 years and developed a far superior console and entertainment media hub.

First off, Microsoft did what they always do best: throw money at a problem, and Xbox 360 was blessed with an initial \$2 billion in marketing expenses alone.

The console itself is an amazing piece of technology and is worth far more than Microsoft is charging for it. Microsoft allegedly loses over \$150 on each \$400 system sold, but they are more than willing to absorb that loss because they are betting on a long term win over their rival, Sony. At its heart, the console runs with three separate 3.2 GHz cores specially designed by IBM, and the power adapter runs so hot, according to owners, that some had to resort to hanging it in the air just so it gets enough air circulation so the games would not freeze.

For those of you in a market for Xbox 360, it comes in two flavors: the core system and the one you should get. The core system, priced at \$299, is just an Xbox 360 along with a wired controller and a



composite A/V cable. The fully loaded Xbox 360 comes with the system itself, a detachable hard drive, a wireless controller, an Xbox Live headset for online play, component HD cable for HDTVs, and an Ethernet cable for online game play, all for \$399. The second system is a much better value, includes

everything that one would need for gaming and it is pretty much the only version of a console that one should even consider.

The 360 was designed to be a

digital media hub for modern homes. While its primary goal is gaming, it is designed to take full advantage of modern entertainment centers. With out-of-the-box high definition TV support, games will look more stunning than ever. In addition, Xbox 360 will let users view photo slideshows, listen to music or watch DVDs. Owners of the Media Center PC's will find integration between the 360 and the PC to be seamless and the new Xbox will let users connect to that PC to stream any of the content from it or to set up TV shows for recording from your living room. All pictures on a media center machine can also be accessed and viewed as a slideshow with audio tracks. Music from a PC can also be streamed right into the box and CDs can be ripped onto the hard drive so that you may enjoy your own music during game play. Xbox Live also lets players communicate with anyone else in the world, chat with buddies or develop war strategies as you precede though the game.

The only problem with the system is the fact that it is practically sold out everywhere. The only place that carries Xbox 360 at the moment is eBay, selling over 40,000 of them since launch date, and most of them are going for \$800 per system and some for more than \$1,000. This price is likely to edge higher as the holidays rolls around and parents realize that an Xbox 360 will be lacking under the tree.

Microsoft is reassuring buyers that new consoles will be coming soon, but the shortage is obvious and it may hurt them in the long run as Sony rolls out their PlayStation 3 and competition in the market heats up. In the short run, if it is absolutely necessary to get an Xbox 360, eBay may be your only choice, otherwise as time goes on, more consoles will seep into the U.S. market so that everyone can have an 360 of their own.

Clooney's *Syriana* is boring, too smart for its own good

ANDREW CUMBEE

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

All right, I knew that I was going in to see a political thriller type thing, but *Syriana* was like real politics—boring.

Okay, I'll admit, it was way better than sitting at home watching C-SPAN, but the way this movie handled its subject matter was off. *Syriana* is about oil. It tries to examine all the things that we take for granted when we fill up our cars with our \$2.59 per gallon gas. We have a family man in Matt Damon, who is a financial analyst who goes from his TV job to working for an Arabian prince, we have a Washington lawyer examining a merger, and we have two Pakistani men, laid off in Iran. Then we have the guy who is almost the main character, George Clooney playing an old, worn-out CIA agent fighting for...uhh...something. I really don't remember what he was doing.

I'm one of, if not the smartest man alive and I got lost more than once in the ever-growing and inter-twining plot of *Syriana*. I love movies that make you think. I love when a movie actually takes itself seriously. There is a point, though, where it can take itself too seriously, and this movie definitely does that.

It feels more like a lecture from liberals on oil than anything. Like I

said...boring. This is not to say that the subject matter is not a welcome change to political thrillers and movies like this. It just isn't handled correctly.

from something worth stealing from.

The other major complaint in the writing department is that we never feel for any of these characters. Bad things happen to them, we are supposed

Chris Cooper and Amanda Peet are perfect and deserve recognition. I'd say wait for video unless you really, really want to see how Hollywood handles the oil crisis.

Grade: C



George Clooney blows up a car in *Syriana*.

Warner Bros.

Syriana, I believe, suffers from its writing and direction. Stephen Gaghan handled both. The guy wrote 2000's *Traffic*, and *Syriana* shares more with that movie than Gaghan. It feels like a total rip-off with oil instead of drugs. Gaghan seems like he's copying Steven Soderbergh's style and he is totally ripping himself off with the screenplay. I'm not entirely sure you can rip yourself off, but these films are entirely too similar in the way they are set up. On the other hand, at least Gaghan steals

to care about them, but everything falls flat. You can tell these little windows into their personal lives are just ploys for the audience to feel connected to them.

Syriana will hold your attention as long as you try to follow it. It's fairly entertaining and all the actors, Clooney, Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Christopher Plummer,

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Disney

The classic Narnia books finally come to theaters with *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on Dec. 9.

Holiday Movie Preview

MIKE McMANUS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Aeon Flux
Friday, Dec. 2

Based on an MTV animated series, *Aeon Flux* is set 400 years in the future where disease has wiped out the majority of mankind except for one walled-in city. Aeon Flux (Charlize Theron) is sent on a mission to kill a government leader but uncovers some unfortunate secrets along the way. This so called "perfect" city, isn't as perfect as everyone assumes. Leave it to Aeon Flux to show everyone that this life, is merely a perfect lie.

Bareback Mountain
Friday, Dec. 9

Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger, this isn't your average western love story. Adapted from the short story "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx, this film follows a romance not often found on the big screen. The two meet as sheepherders and become closer than most. This film follows the characters' 20 year, evolving homosexual relationship.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Friday, Dec. 9

Taken from the classic book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, this movie may just become the film of the year. The story follows four siblings during World War II in England who enter the world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe. Once there, the children discover a charming world inhabited by talking beasts, dwarfs, centaurs and giants. The children quickly learn that the world is cursed to eternal winter by the evil White Witch, Jadis. Under the guidance of a mystical lion, Aslan, The children fight to overcome the White Witch's spell.

Memoirs of a Geisha
Friday, Dec. 16

Based on the best selling book by Arthur Golden, *Memoirs of a Geisha* is a classic story of love and betrayal set against rapidly changing, 20th century Japan. A nine-year-old girl is taken from her family and sold to a geisha house. From her start as a common maid, she blossoms into one of Japan's most renowned geishas.

King Kong
Wednesday, Dec. 14

Peter Jackson directs this remake of the classic American film. Jackson is bringing his sweeping cinematic vision to this iconic story of a gigantic ape captured in the wild and brought into civilization. Although the story will be based on the original, Jackson will expand the chapters of the tale that take place in the mysterious and dangerous jungles of Skull Island. Jackson promises this movie to be a unique and breathtaking creation.

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Hip Hop Notes

JULIAN IVEY
STAFF WRITER

I'm like the apple to the peach to the cherry to the plum! Hip Hop Notes is almost done.

That's right. I'm finished with the bachelor's, guess I'll work a little bit now. Unfortunately, that means you'll have to get ya hip hop news from someone else. The good news is I saved a case for you, B-Case that is. He'll be providing you with what you need ASAP.

Now I'm gonna set the record straight. This is just so ya know. **Biggie Smalls** is the illest. His duets have been soundin' good. The joint with him and Nelly is on-point.

Irv and Chris Gotti of **Murder Inc.** fame have been acquitted of money laundering charges. Yeah folks, that's what Ja Rule's been up to for the last couple of months in New York. The Gotti brothers have also decided to go by their gub-ment last name, Lorenzo.

I have a million aliases: Jules, The Juice, Jungle, 323, Jivey, Jucifer, Thor, Jive, Jive Turkey (a grandpa Ivey classic), Julio, Hooligan, Foolian, 5 and Mr. Midnight the Chocolate Boy Wonder. The fun never ends.

David Darnell Brown, aka **Young Buck**, will not go on trial for the incident last year at the Vibe Awards. Details can't be released until everything is finalized in the courtroom. Buck was last seen carrying the G-Unit on his back.

Pimp C will be free. He was granted parole last week and should be hitting the street before the end of the year. C should be in the studio soon with ya boy **Bun B**. Bun's got the pan hot and ready. Let's see if UGK sizzles.

Another dirty south duo, **OutKast**, is not working as a group lately. Big Boi has taken over their Aquemini label and renamed it Purple Ribbon. The name is an ode to his dog kennel business.

I picked up some "Kryptonite" and I'm on it. Big Boi has put together a decent

group of talent and just in time to sooth that OutKast jones I get every other fall. **Bubba Sparkxxx** is even down with the team so you know it's gonna get ugly.

I'm still bumpin' that **Rev Run**. You oughta be down with the king. The Rev's bringin it.

Missy Elliot wants to follow in the Rev's footsteps and get her story out there. Elliot has been writing a movie about her life. The only problem she has is that nobody cares. She is definitely the most overrated artist in rap.

After fifteen years **Busta Rhymes** has cut his braids off. He said he decided to grow them in December of 1989 when he got his first record deal. Now, as he's prepping the release of his new album, Rhymes has cut them off and says his head is feeling good without them.

The man that's really gettin' his shine on is **Chamillionaire**. His album *Sound of Revenge* debuted at #10 on the billboard pop chart. That's pretty impressive. The debut is the highest of any Universal distributed artist since 2003.

Jay-Z is being sued by former WWE wrestler Diamond Dallas Page. Page is accusing Jay-Z of stealing Page's diamond symbol he shows before his signature move, the diamond cutter. Jay-Z allegedly told Page to take his civil case and drop it like it's hot.

Aye!

The 3rd season of "Chappelle's Show" will be shown by Comedy Central beginning with some sneak peeks this month. The partially finished final season will air next year. I hope Dave Chappelle's brand of comedy finds its way back to television because I've missed it.

Well, it's time to say goodbye to da bad guy. You know you'll never see another bad guy like me in yo life. Actually you'll probably see worse because most of you have never seen me and I'm not that bad. Either way, it's time to graduate. I'm out.

Yes!

Release Dates and Events: Dec. 9 – Dec. 15

ANDREW CUMBEE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Concerts:

Friday, Dec. 9
DJ Ivey @ Club Nico, 8 p.m., \$10-12

Saturday, Dec. 10
The Sting with The Stay Awake and Ladyfinger @ Sokol Underground, 9 p.m., \$7

DVD:

Tuesday, Dec. 13
The 40-Year-Old Virgin
The Island
Sin City (Recut, Extended, Unrated)
"The Simpsons" – The Complete

Seventh Season

In Theaters:

Friday, Dec. 9

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

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The hockey team is on a four-game win streak, but Saturday's opponents may be a tough match-up.

Hockey cracks top 20 poll, travels to Michigan

NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO hockey team clawed their way onto the U.S. College Hockey Online/College Sports TV Top 20 poll after knocking Ferris State out of the poll.

The Mavericks face a tough challenge to stay in the poll as they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich. to take on the No. 7 Wolverines this weekend. UNO is riding a four-game winning streak into the meeting whereas Michigan has lost four consecutive games.

UNO needs to sweep the Wolverines on the road in order to move up to fourth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. UNO has only won once in the seven times they have traveled to Ann Arbor.

UNO has scored more goals this year than any other team in the CCHA. Michigan

is close behind with only a .11 goals-per-game difference. Defensively UNO will have to stop the Wolverines. The six-game win streak of goalie Jerad Kaufmann should help the Mavericks.

Special teams will be crucial in this match up. Michigan is leading the CCHA in powerplay goals, converting 30 percent of the time. UNO is ranked dead last in the CCHA only converting 9.9 percent on the power play.

After the Michigan series the Mavericks will play five more games over the semester break. The Mavs will host Alabama-Huntsville Dec. 29 and Yale Dec. 31. They will then travel to Minnesota State-Mankato looking for revenge for the Nov. 22 6-3 loss to the purple Mavericks. UNO will then return home to play host to the Fighting Irish on Jan. 6 and 7 at the Qwest Center at 7 p.m.



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Coach Patty Patton Shearer gives her team a pep talk at a recent game.

Women's basketball extends winning streak to seven

LIZ SELZER
STAFF WRITER

The UNO women's basketball team increased its winning streak to seven games after beating Peru State 89-49 Tuesday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The Mavericks now hold a 9-2 record this season.

Four Mavericks were in double-digits Tuesday, but JJ Smith led the team with 20 points. Lacey Geitzenauer scored 18, Ashley Freerksen scored 14 and Karen Thies added 12.

The Mavericks played incredible defense in the first-half, holding the Bobcats to 18 points. Smith scored 10 points in the first six minutes and four seconds of the game,

giving the Mavericks a 15-5 lead. The Mavs went into the half with a 38-18 lead.

The Mavs came into the second half determined to show the Bobcats whose house they were playing in. The Mavs went on an 18-0 scoring streak to take a commanding 44-point lead.

It wasn't a pretty night for the Bobcats as they racked up 26 turnovers in the game. UNO ended up shooting 47 percent from the floor for the game and 10 of 14 from the free throw line.

The Mavericks will host the last of a six-game home stand this weekend, as they go for their eighth consecutive win, hosting York Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

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Another surprise season of college football

This season of college football was full of surprises, from key losses to bowl match-ups. The prediction that Southern California and Texas would finish No. 1 and 2 in the final BCS standings probably was the only accurate prediction. Take it from me, if you gambled on college football this season you got burned. Putting your money on the line and then watching your team lose that game was almost like being told the negative results by a doctor from having unprotected sex; you don't want to see or hear them.

At the beginning of the 2005

season, everyone thought Tennessee was the No. 2 team in the nation. Iowa and Michigan were in everybody's top 10. Even Purdue and Louisville were ranked in the top 20, but no one had Notre Dame or Penn State even ranked. Now that the 2005 regular season has concluded, eyebrows have been raised as high as they have ever been. Tennessee finished with a 5-6 season and didn't even qualify for a bowl game for the first time under Phillip Fulmer.

Iowa lost to rival Iowa State, Michigan at home, got manhandled at Ohio State and lost to Northwestern

to finish the season with a 7-4 record. This was a big letdown by the Hawkeyes, considering the fact that Kirk Farentz has lead his team to three straight 10-3 seasons.

Michigan, everyone's preseason top 10 selection had a very disappointing season. The Wolverines suffered three losses five games into the season. But Purdue had to be by far the biggest disappointment in the Big Ten Conference. Everyone thought since the Boilermakers didn't play Michigan or Ohio State this year that the team had the potential of winning the conference. Dead wrong! And Purdue isn't going bowling this season either.

Louisville was another team that was supposed to dominate the Big East with the departure of Miami, Boston College and Virginia Tech. Instead

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Take This All In



Chris Harrington

International student athletes find success amid struggles in U.S.

NATHAN LEETE

SPORTS EDITOR

All incoming freshman have a lot of paperwork to sign before they can start college, but most of them don't need a United States congressman's office to expedite a visa in order for them to start classes on time.

"We had to actually expedite Juha Uotila's visa application interview in Helsinki, Finland by going to Congressman Lee Terry's office," said Mike Kemp, the head coach of UNO's hockey team. Without the help of Terry's office, Uotila may have started school two weeks late.

"We owe a deep debt of gratitude to congressman Terry's office for facilitating that," Kemp said.

Uotila is a native of Espoo, Finland and one of 15 international student-athletes at UNO.

There are many similarities between what an incoming American freshman and an incoming international freshman has to do in order to be enrolled at UNO. All students have to submit transcripts before they can be admitted, except those transcripts have to be interpreted by the international students office.

"We're fortunate here because we have an international students office that is really very knowledgeable about the requirements for the foreign student," Kemp said. "They work very hard with us to facilitate obtaining all of that information."

Both incoming students have to take either the ACT or SAT and score a minimum number of points. International students and student-athletes have to take an additional test called the Test of English as a Foreign Language, or the TOEFL, to show that they can be a successful student in an English taught class room. But this is not always a smooth process.

"This last summer there was a problem with Juha's test scores, getting them from Finland to the SAT testing facility and getting processed," Kemp said. "They got

lost in the process. We really did get pushed back against the envelope as far as getting him admitted and getting his visa."

Getting a legal visa is the next step an international student-athlete faces that an American athlete does not. As Uotila's experience shows, it is not always an easy process.

"It was a lot of work and I was actually a couple weeks late because

Mavericks started recruiting him over two years ago, Kemp said.

The next step of the process is evaluating eligibility between the European club team system and the NCAA's eligibility rules. In Europe, sports and education are completely independent of one another. Many towns in Europe have their own club teams. Under the organization of the clubs, there is generally an elite

Kemp said. "There's a lot of times that you'll go into a rink in Europe and the people who are operating the teams there won't give you any help at all."

Once a player goes through all the red tape to get to the United States they face some of the same issues as many college freshmen.

"This is the first time for me living away from home," Uotila

year because I couldn't speak any English, not a word. I can't remember exactly, but I'm sure I did."

Uotila has only been in the United States since August and is still adjusting.

"I haven't yet, but I'm sure there will be some part of the year that I will feel homesick, especially with Christmas coming up," Uotila said.

Klempa seconded Uotila's



photo by Michelle Bishop

Tomas Klempa, one of 15 international athletes at UNO, said the United States is "a different life."

I couldn't get all the paperwork done," Uotila said. "The whole summer I signed paperwork and it seems like that was all I did."

The student-athlete is not the only person who has to do extra work to get them to college in the United States. Coaches spend a lot of time talking to sports agents in Europe and actually traveling overseas to see the prospects in person.

The first step of the recruiting process is seeking out the talent. There are several ways that a school can find talent in foreign countries. Tomas Klempa, a forward for the Mavericks hockey team, was playing in the United States Junior Hockey League for three seasons before signing with UNO. Klempa played for the same team as sophomore forward Bryan Marshall. UNO also uses contacts with sports agents who work in both Europe and the United States. One of these agents contacted UNO about Juha Uotila and the

level team, a first division team and a junior team. As long as a player only plays for the junior level team he is still eligible to play for a college in the United States, Kemp said.

"You really have to be careful about where a player has played," Kemp said. "You have to really delve into the background to make sure that a player has not been brought up to play at the elite league level for a game or two, just to see what he could do, and then sent back to the junior team before you get involved with recruiting because that could actually taint them for eligibility purposes."

The other thing coaches from the United States have to deal with when recruiting a European athlete is the unwillingness for the club team to see that athlete go. Club teams spend a lot of time and money on their junior athletes and want that athlete to stay and play for their elite level team.

"That does become an issue,"

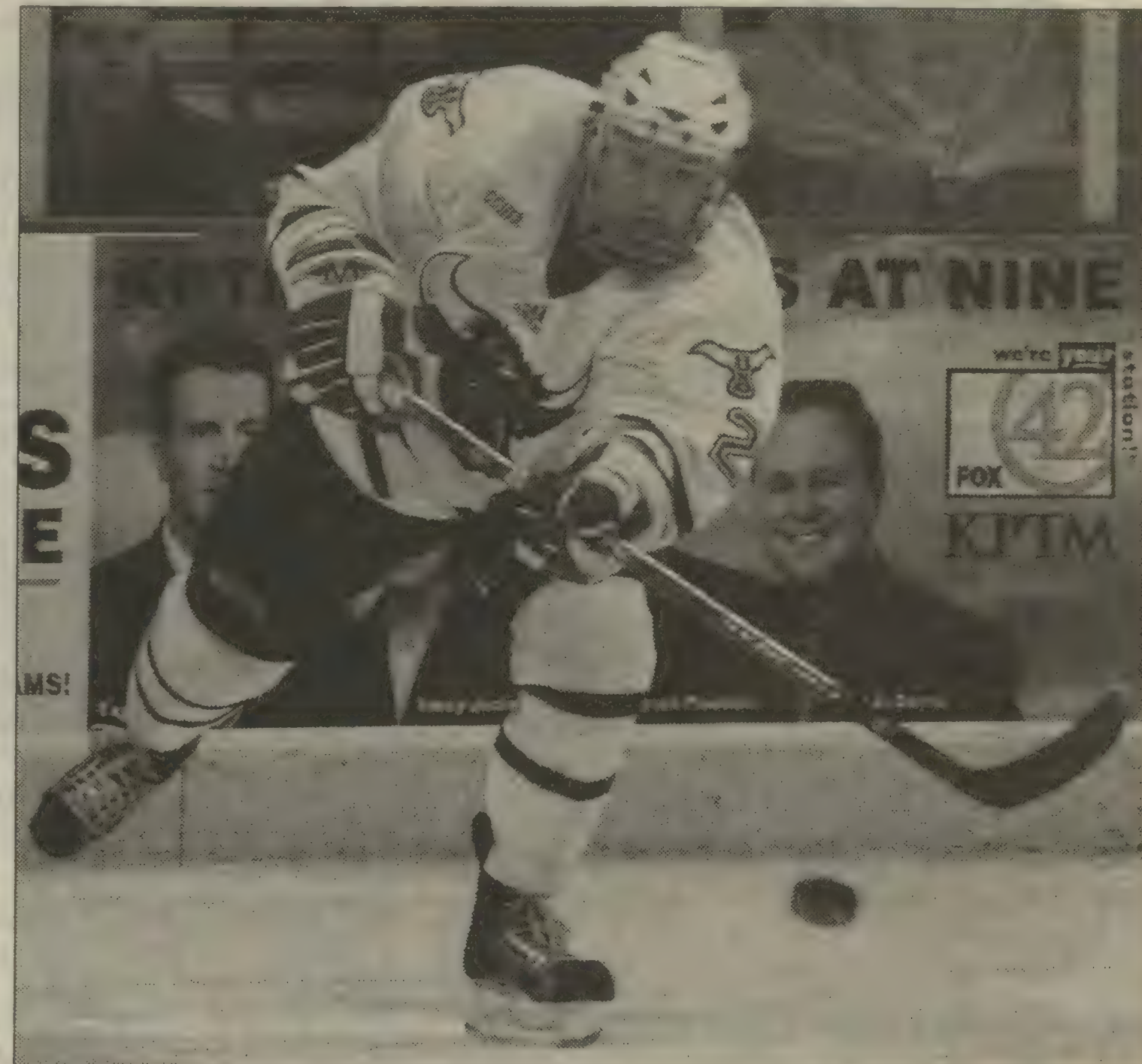


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Juha Uotila, from Finland, almost missed two weeks of school because of paperwork problems.

said. "It's a little different having to make your own food and having to manage your time table."

Unlike American freshmen, international student-athletes have cultural differences to adjust to as well. Some athletes don't even know what to expect as they are on the plane to America.

"Slovakia is totally different," Klempa, a native of Prestany, Slovakia, said. "It's a different life, different culture, the food is different. It's a totally different world. I definitely miss it. I expected America to be like in the movies, and how the movies show it. I didn't know how America is except for in the movies, it's just a different life, different everything. In the movies, they show the good parts, the good life. It's totally different than you see in the movies."

Uotila agreed that it was different but did have an idea of what the United States was like because his older sister lived here for seven years.

International student-athletes have plenty of access to communication with family and friends from their home countries through the Internet and telephones, but still battle every now and then with homesickness.

"I still have a really good relationship with my parents so we are in contact all the time," Klempa, whose been in America for four years now, said. "Then there's the fact that we're away from each other. You grow up and you've gotta leave your parents. I probably did [get homesick] the first

feelings on Christmas break.

"Going home for Christmas is probably going to be the worst part," Klempa said. "Going home and coming back again is what sucks the most."

To help battle the culture shock, coaches and teammates do their best to help international student athletes.

"We obviously give them constant direction, constant feedback, and constant support as far as how to do things, what to do and where to go," Kemp said. "We also rely a lot on their teammates to help point them in the right direction."

UNO's athletics program has seen many successes with its international athletes on and off the field. In the spring of 2005 a pair of international athletes led the outdoor track and field team to an 11th place finish in the NCAA Division II national championships. Faluso Makinde, a native of Ipetumodu, Nigeria was an All-American and will lead the 2005-2006 track team. Anastasia Kyvelidou, a native of Edessa, Greece took the national outdoor title in the heptathlon and the national indoor title in the triple jump. She was named the NCAA II female track athlete of the year for 2004-2005 and competed for the Greek National Team in the European Cup last summer.

Daniel Samuelsson held a 4.0 grade-point-average at UNO for four years and is currently attending medical school in Poland.

Kemp sees the players on his team carrying on this tradition and opening the way for more international student-athletes at UNO.

"We've had some experience with European players in the past and it's been generally successful," Kemp said. "With the way [Klempa and Uotila] have adapted to our school, hockey program and system, I would expect we will have more [success] in the future as well."

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the Cardinals suffered two conference losses during their first two conference games. The surprise story of the season has to be the way Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions bounced back from being the doormat of the Big Ten to a 10-1 season, to the conference title and the team's first ever BCS bowl bid. I know there won't be anymore JoeMustGo websites floating around for awhile. Notre Dame also showed it was the real deal this season. Everyone was more focused on how Urban Meyer was going to fare at Florida this season, but Charlie Weis took the Irish nation by storm getting them to their second ever BCS bowl. It didn't even matter that Notre Dame had one of the toughest schedules in the nation. The Irish took down Michigan, Pittsburg, Tennessee, Navy and Purdue; teams who were all bowl eligible in 2004. Let's not forget that no team this season pushed USC like Notre Dame did. If it wasn't for Matt Leinert's fumble out of bounds at the one-yard line, the Irish might be playing for the national title. They should have used instant replay during the game.

Now let's get to the season's most crippling upsets. Upsets that make you say "What the ****!" Arizona 52, UCLA 14; Nebraska 30, Colorado 3; South Florida 45, Louisville 14; Kansas 40, Nebraska 15; Notre Dame 49, Purdue 28; Oklahoma State 24, Texas Tech 14; TCU 17, Oklahoma 10; Georgia Tech 14, Miami 10; Alabama 31, Florida 3 and Texas 45, Oklahoma 12. Let's say farewell to Kansas State legendary coach Bill Snyder and welcome to the youngest and fourth African American coach in Division I-A Ron Prince. What about those BCS bowl match-ups?

Rose Bowl (National Championship)
USC vs. Texas

It's Matt Leinert and Reggie Bush vs. Superman Vince Young and that stingy Texas defense. Yes that Trojan offense is still very good without the play calling of Norm Chow, but the defense is very suspect. The Trojans defense hasn't faced a quarterback like Young, but the Longhorns defense hasn't gone up against such a high octane offense like the Trojans. If the Longhorns can get to Leinert, I'll guarantee that USC won't win this game. Hopefully this game will be everything the 2004 national championship was supposed to be.

Fiesta Bowl
Ohio State vs. Notre Dame

The Buckeyes have been to this bowl three times during the past four years, and have won all three of their games in Tempe. However, Notre Dame has lost each bowl game it's been in since 2000. Will Ohio State coach Jim Tressel make Weis play his type of game? If so, Notre Dame's offense can be in for a long day, even with Brady Quinn in the Irish backfield. But let's not count Weis out, because he already brought us a handful of surprises this season.

Sugar Bowl
Georgia vs. West Virginia

The young Mountaineers were another big surprise to this season. West Virginia was supposed to have been in this game last year, but they are here now. Unfortunately, the game will be in Atlanta, Georgia instead of New Orleans, Louisiana. And the Bulldogs are nasty in their home state. If quarterback D.J. Shockley didn't get injured during the Arkansas game, Georgia would have the potential of being undefeated. West Virginia will play hard, but the Bulldogs will be too much, and although the Mountaineers love to run the ball, it won't happen on the Bulldog's rush defense.

Orange Bowl
Florida State vs. Penn State

Can you believe it! Bobby Bowden vs. Paterno, two of the oldest coaches and the two with the most wins in college football. Who would've thought in the beginning of August that Penn State will be here? But then again, who would've thought that after the Seminole's November woes that they would be here. Luckily for Bowden the game will be in the state of Florida, just like the ACC championship which means he has the edge.

Other nice bowl match-ups
LSU vs. Miami
Nebraska vs. Michigan
Auburn vs. Wisconsin
Texas Tech vs. Alabama
Northwestern vs. UCLA
Virginia Tech vs. Louisville

I hope you enjoyed this college football season like I did, hopefully the post season will be just as fun. Let's tip our hats to the BCS, for putting together the two best teams in the nation to play for the national title.

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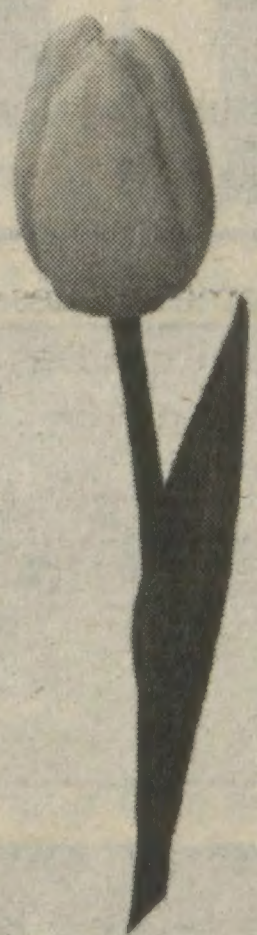
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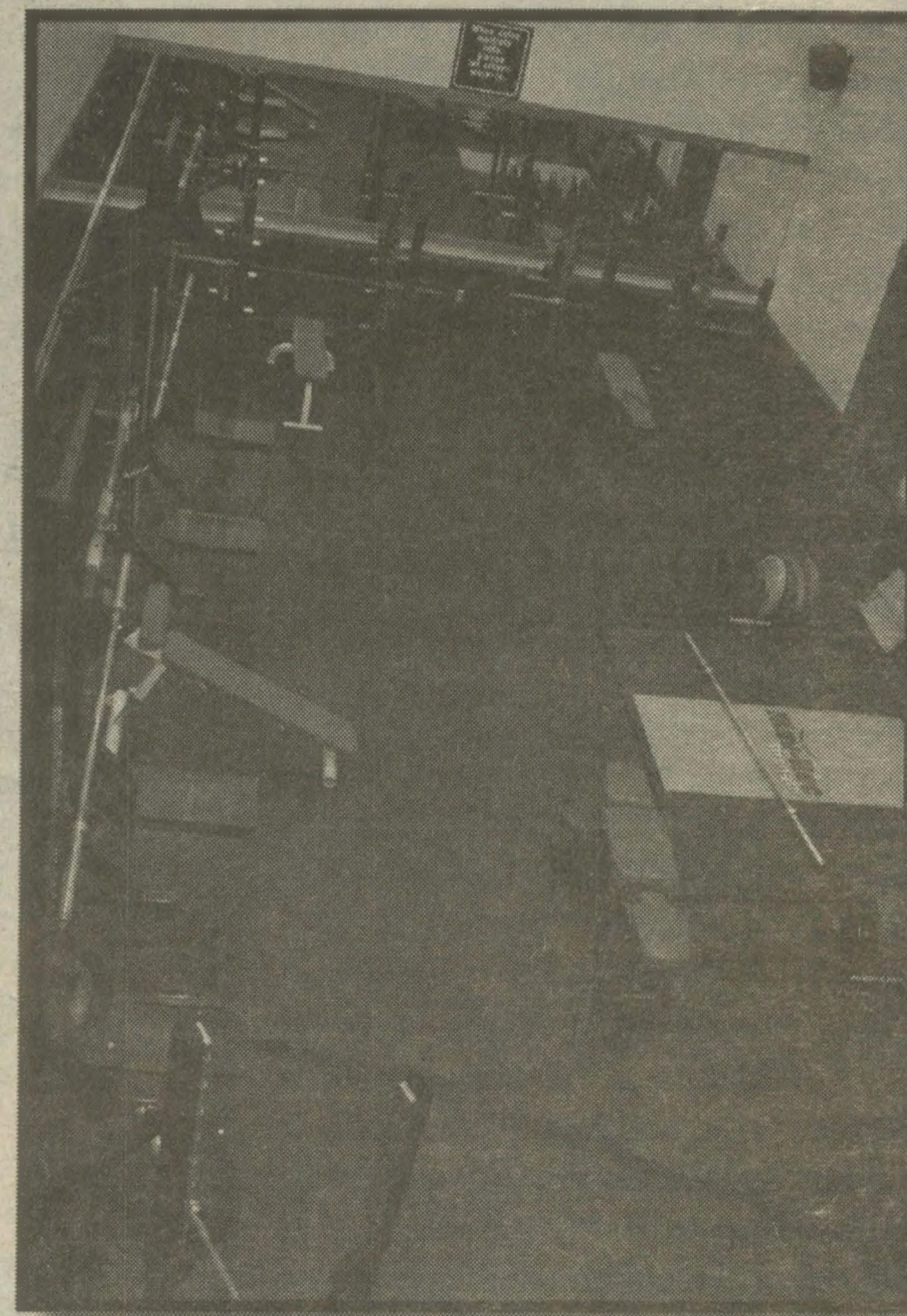
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Forget Cleveland, Omaha rocks: Shows that rocked Fall 2005

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Since the Ranch Bowl closed in late spring, Omaha's concert outlook was seemingly bleak with only one real venue that could hold enough patrons for national shows. Fortunately, however, some old and new venues stepped up to the challenge and Omaha saw some good bands on its turf.

Starting off the semester was The Killers, on Aug. 10. After postponing the show twice, ticket holders were left unsure of whether or not they would actually get to see the Killers in Omaha. But, seeing as how the third time is always the charm, the band made it to Sokol with Louis XIV opening up. The Killers was out in support of its March release *Hot Fuss*, which hit the mainstream hard producing singles "Mr. Brightside" and "Somebody Told Me," among others.

Just five days later, The Faint graced the stage for a two-night home-base show at Sokol Auditorium. As always, The Faint put on an energy-filled, somewhat sinister dance party with lots of craziness and drinking. Opening for The Faint was Orenda Fink for both of The Faint's dates on Aug. 15 and 16. Fink is the only person we know in Omaha who doesn't have a tan in the middle of August.

September began with a blast from the past when Styx played the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln. There were mullets and cutoffs galore at this Labor Day concert. Styx played all of its old favorites like "Renegade" and "Come Sail Away." The band also played some newer songs off its most recent albums. What wasn't played, however, was "Mr. Roboto," the classic, almost joke-driven hit that made people all over the world dance the robot without shame. For a bunch of old dudes, these guys really put on a fun show.

California's The Return returned to Nebraska for a three-night spectacle starting in Lincoln and ending at Shag: A Vodka Bar in Omaha. The guys played their ska-pop-indie rock to half-filled venues each night in support of their latest effort *Danger, Danger, Silent Stranger*. The band hit Knickerbocker's on Sept. 16, Sokol on Sept. 17 and Shag on Sept. 18. If you haven't heard of this band, check it out at www.itsthereturn.com, you'll be pleasantly surprised by lead-singer Derek's sweet, melodic voice backed by catchy, almost poppy tunes.

Saddle Creek Records' own Race for Titles, Criteria and Cursive played Nov. 5 at Sokol Underground. The sold-out show featured three of Omaha's finest bands. Race for Titles opened with a new drummer and a new sound. Criteria played second with selections off its latest album *When We Break*, and from its previous album *En Garde*. Stephen Pederson, lead singer of Criteria, proved himself to be a true gentleman when an eager fan offered to have his children after the show: He just



photo by Michelle Bishop

Conor Oberst played at the Sokol Underground on Nov. 5.

smiled while backing away cautiously with his hands outstretched as if to say, "slow down, woman". Cursive closed out the evening, playing for more than an hour. Every 15-year-old girl's fantasy, Fall Out Boy, played Nov. 11 as part of the Nintendo Fusion Tour. Playing with Fall Out Boy was Panic! at the Disco, Boys Night Out, The Starting Line and Motion City Soundtrack. The show sold-out within days of the tickets going on sale and was crowded with hundreds of screaming, sweaty, pimply middle-schoolers.

8th Wave made its glorious return with a reunion show the night before Thanksgiving at Sokol. The six-piece ska / punk band broke up in August 2004. It played songs off all of its albums. Rumor has it that 8th Wave will be playing more shows in the future.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney took the Qwest Center's stage and played a bunch of Beatles songs. He was really wrinkly.

Dave Matthews Band rolled into town with a cloud of Nag Champa and THC close behind. They played to a crowd of misplaced hippies, corporate knobs who think they're still cool and an endless sea of sorority girls. This is a show where watching the drink for roofies is a definite must.

Warrant was in town Thursday night. Hopefully Celebrity Fit Club will prevent a repeat of 1999's Jani Lane arm lift/beer

belly flop incident. The show was a benefit for Toys for Tots sponsored by the United States Marine Corp, Ashley Lynn Salon and local radio station, 96.1 The Brew.

Also Thursday was Liz Phair, the cutest, daintiest, foul-mouthed little pixie ever. The Fray and British phenom Aqualung opened. Check out Phair if you are ready to have your image of a wholesome girl corrupted and your idea of what is hot turned to a trucker in a cheerleader's body. If it isn't already.

Most notably bringing up the rear is U2. The show, which sold out in the blink of a toad's eye, will certainly be the "it" event of the year. And, we won't be there because Capital One refuses to forgive our third-world debt.

The year will close with two shows by The Good Life with Fink, Mayday and Cocoon opening on Dec. 22. On Dec. 23 Little Brazil and Kite Pilot will lead the crowd in warm-ups to prepare for the rage, fury and fluffy hair that is Tim Kasher and The Good Life.

We saved the best show of Fall 2005 for last because it was surprising, and it was the first trip to Omaha for the national bands on the show.

So Many Dynamos, Mae Shi and Show is the Rainbow played to a less-than crowded show at Sokol Underground

on Nov. 11.

St. Louis native So Many Dynamos will hit a soft spot for those who are fans of Dismemberment Plan, Les Savvy Fav or even The Faint. The band's album, *When We Explode*, is an inaccurate portrayal of what these guys can do on stage. It starts with the lead singer's presence, voice and keyboard. Then it goes to the two guitar players and drummer, who bust out the dance, pop sound that makes So Many Dynamos unique and fun to watch. Would somebody please get these guys a professional producer and some money and get them a quality album?

It was somewhat shocking and double takes were necessary when the young-looking guitarist came into the crowd after their set drinking a beer. It was like seeing Harry Potter minus the scar getting ripped.

The Show is the Rainbow, A.K.A. Darren Keen, proved that Grizzly Adams had a son, raised him in Nebraska and withheld the poor tot's Ritalin for far too long. Teaching the crowd that success was spelt "D-O-L-L-A-R-S" and running back and forth from the floor to his iBook, Keen was filled with tongue in cheek wit and the most serious intellect ever seen in a complete spaz. In short, his show was sweet.

If the Violent Femmes, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9's, The Locust and Brainiac copulated, The Mae Shi would be born and life would be good. This band is our top new find of 2005. The band's sound is hectic, spastic and definitely not boring.

The semester started with a bang and ended with a bang. Maybe next semester someone will open up another quality venue so more choice shows will come through.


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Fun with Dick and Jane
Wednesday, Dec. 21

Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni star in this film displaying the American dream, until one day it all falls apart. When the company they work for gets involved in an Enron-like scandal, Dick and Jane are forced to become thieves. *Fun with Dick and Jane* is a much-awaited winter comedy.

The Producers
Sunday, Dec. 25

Max Bialystock is a theatrical producer who sweet talks rich old women to get them to invest in his Broadway plays. One day, he meets Leo Bloom, who innocently realizes that if Max were to get a lot of money invested in a play that was a flop, they would be rich. The two then set out to find the worst play ever written and produce it. *The Producers* is the film version of the Broadway musical, which was based on a film. It stars Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick, Uma Thurman, and Will Ferrell.



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